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New Europe? **Malaise Drains** Enthusiasm For Future

Brussels, Recognizing Fragility of Unity Plan, Puts Hold on Initiatives

By William Drozdiak

BRUSSELS - A week before Danes vote in a second referendum on the Treaty on European Union, a stillness hangs over European Community headquarters. It is as if the slight-est rustle of bureaucratic initiative could detonate the fragile foundations of Continental uni-

For more than four months, the process of building Europe has virtually ground to a halt. Fearful of making any move that could jeopar-dize approval of the treaty in Denmark and Britain, the Community's executive commis-sion has abandoned its grandiose plans and sought to vanish into the political underground. The 10 other EC members have ratified the

"This place seems more dead than at any time in the last 20 years," said a veteran Com-munity official. "It's hard to see how the political momentum can be regained, even if the Danes and the Brits vote in favor of the treaty.

Treaty opponents have attacked the EC Commission for striving to build a superstate that would be run by faceless technocrats intent on dictating the lives of 340 million Community citizens. Those exaggerated claims contributed to Denmark's rejection of the Maastricht treaty on political and economic union last June and its near-defeat in France in September.

grudging concessions by Denmark's partners and a determined campaign to show the damage that a second rejection would inflict on the Danish economy were thought to have assured overwhelming approval for the treaty in the vote scheduled May 18.

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The latest polls by the Gallup institute showed 48 percent intend to vote "yes" and 33 percent "no." with the remaining 19 percent of those surveyed either undecided or not planning to vote. But the outcome is far from a sure thing: Three days before last year's referendum, Gallup predicted a 56 percent "yes" vote; the Danes rejected the treaty on June 2, with 50.7 percent voting against it and 49.3 percent in

The negative opinions appear to be based not so much on fears about the Community's ambitions than on its disappointments in recent months. As EC officials readily acknowledge See EUROPE, Page 4



A Sarajevo man rummaging through a pile of rubbish on Tuesday, trying to find food left by UN peacekeeping forces from Egypt.

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Yeltsin Dismisses 2 Key Conservatives

according to official statements.

By Fred Hiatt

Washington Past Service

MOSCOW — President Boris N. Yeltsin dropped two key conservatives from his govcriment on Tuesday, including one who had openly opposed him, as the president began to fulfill his promise to tilt toward reformers after his referendum victory on April 25.

Mr. Yeltsin's press service said in brief state-ments that both Yuri Skokov, who ran Russia's national security apparatus, and Deputy Prime Minister Georgi S. Khizha had been dismissed. Mr. Skokov, head of the Security Council, had been viewed as a powerful figure opposing rapid reforms. Mr. Khizha, a former factory

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By Kent Jenkins Jr.

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reported.

manager, was seen as a spokesman for the military-industrial complex. Both men will receive other appointments,

Mr. Yeltsin has been criticized by liberals for not seizing the initiative more aggressively since the referendum, when 59 percent of voters expressed confidence in him and about 53 percent supported his social and economic policies. Bon's G. Fyodorov, a deputy prime minis-ter and advocate of radical reform, complained over the weekend that "we have already lost the

Since the referendum, Mr. Yeltsin has promised to push for a new constitution and early elections to replace the conservative parliament that has blocked many reform proposals. He also promised to clean house and urged local officials to get rid of holdover bureaucrats and other foes of reform.

"Those who do not share our aims should simply leave, so as not to interfere with our work," Mr. Yeltsin said in a broadcast Thursday in which he claimed victory in the referendum. "I for one am now drawing my own conclusions and preparing my decisions."

The dismissals on Tuesday, after two long national holiday weekends, appear to be the

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Moscow Vetoes UN Cyprus Plan

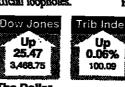
UNITED NATIONS, New York (Renters) — Russia used its Security Council veto on Tuesday for the first time in nine years to kill a British-sponsored resolution to revise the financing of the UN peace-

The vote on the draft, to apportion the costs of the force among all UN members instead of relying on voluntary contributions, was 14 to 1, with no abstentions.

Britain estimates its annual contribution for the Cyprus force at about \$50 million. Russia's share would be less than \$2 million. But it said apportionment would be a bad precedent at a time when large new forces might be deployed elsewhere.

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Janan hit back at the United States in a report on trade practices. Fondiaria is selling its stake in the insurer AMB to German banks. Page 13. Page 13. Foreign investors in Asia have learned to use official loopholes. Page 15. Page 15.



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EC and U.S. Tempers Flare Over Dealing With War in Bosnia

BRUSSELS — The United States and its European allies moved into all but open con-flict on Tuesday over how to deal with the war

The European Community angrily denied on Tuesday a U.S. assertion that the European allies wanted to wait for a Bosnian Serbian referendum before deciding on possible mili-

referendum before deciding on possible military action aimed at ending the war. Denmark, which speaks for the 12-nation bloc because it now holds the rotating EC presidency, said the claim by Washington was "totally absurd."

In Washington, meanwhile, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Joseph R. Biden Jr., Democrat of Delaware, accused European governments of self-delusion and hypocrisy for failing to support U.S. efforts to rescue Bosnian Muslims from what he called "fascist thuggery" by Bosnian Serbs.

"Let's not mince words," Mr. Biden said. "European policy is based on cultural and religious indifference, if not bigotry, and I think it's fair to say this would be an entirely different situation if the Muslims were doing what the Serbs have done. The truth of this is not lost on

Serbs have done. The truth of this is not lost on the Islamic world."

And President Bill Clinton, warning that continued fighting in Bosnia could spill over into nearby countries and threaten European stability, said: "I think the United Nations, the

world community, can do more."

Mr. Clinton, asked if he was angry with the
Europeans over alliance policy on Bosnia, re-

"Well, let me, let me just say that I hope we can get a common policy that has a reasonable chance of working quickly. I think that's better

than for me to characterize it in that way. My job is to work with them and to do the best I can to get agreement, because we can't act alone and we shouldn't act alone. We've got to go

The growing trans-Atlantic rift threatens a crisis at the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-tion, diplomats said, and is likely to convince the Bosnian Serbs and Croats that they can continue their assaults unchecked in Bosnia. Without a united Western front, it will be virtually impossible to forge a consensus at the United Nations for further action.

Although both sides are trying to play down suggestions of a rift in public, American and

Serbian forces try to block Muslians' return to "safe area" of Zepa, the UN charges. Page 4.

European diplomats and officials say privately that the situation looks bleak.

"There is an increasing sense of crisis, a sense of bitterness," a NATO diplomat said. "The Europeans look at the Americans as cowboys and the Americans are looking at the Europeans as wimps. The truth is there are no easy

Foreign Minister Niels Helveg Petersen of Denmark was visibly angry on Tuesday in responding to a U.S. statement on Monday that said it was putting off any decision on further action because European allies had asked it to wait until after the referendum, scheduled for this medianed.

Mr. Helveg said the U.S. statement "has no See CONFLICT, Page 4

A Rock and a Hard Place For Tokyo in Cambodia

By David E. Sanger

TOKYO - Only months after Japan began its first military venture abroad since World War II, the killing of two Japanese in Cambodia has triggered a national uproar here, forcing stmmed government leaders to choose between condemnation at home for keeping unamed nationals in the madst of the violence and condemnation abroad for trying to sweep them out of harm's way.

The attacks on Japanese peacekeeners have shattered the government's earlier public assurances that there would be no funerals, no Japanese blood spilled in the first real test of Japan's oft-stated commitment to contributing more to the world than just yen.

lence in Cambodia, and the reluctance of Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa and other leaders to define Japan's interests in a country where it has few business or cultural ties, have raised angry calls to pull back or pull out, no matter what the cost to Japan's international reputation.

So far, the government has held firm, saying its peacekeepers will stay at least through elections that are to begin in less than two

But in recent days, Iapanese officials have openly clashed with the head of United Nations peacekeeping operations in Cambodia, himself a Japanese national, over his refusal to permit Tokyo to recall Japanese civilian police to Phnom Penh in what appeared to be an effort to give them special sanctuary from

And with media and public pressure growing, Japan's leaders have been wavering on the question of just how much more death they can tolerate before the political costs become too high.

Government officials make no secret of the fact that they have been desperately trying to manage the public reaction to the deaths before pressure grows. But they have been repeatedly undercut by critical television and newspaper commentary and even a member of the cabinet.

Junichiro Koizami, the minister of posts and telecommunications, emerged from a cabinet meeting the other day and declared that "while we have agreed to give our sweat, there is no reason we must give our blood" in the effort to restore peace to a land that a

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Arabs' Economic Boycott Of Israel Is Losing Its Edge

By Clyde Haberman New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — Step by step, government officials and business leaders here say, the decades-old Arab economic boycott of Israel has weakened to a point that many international companies now believe they can safely ignore it. But the officials caution that while down, the boycott is far from out, and that it continues to scare away foreign businesses skittish about offending Arab countries, especially the oil-producing nations of the Gulf.

Israelis were heartened by recent news reports that Kuwait and Saudi Arabia had told the United States that as partial repayment for American leadership in the Gulf war they would stop two forms of the blacklist: a secondary boycott affecting American companies that trade with Israel, and a tertiary boycott of concerns doing business with the blacklisted

No change was announced in the primary

boycott, which prohibits Arab countries and companies from commercial dealings with Isracks and which was created by the newly formed Arab League in 1946, two years before the creation of the state of Israel. Egypt, headquarters of the Arab League, dropped its own boycott laws after signing a peace treaty with Israel in 1979, although trade between the

countries remains small. Among other encouraging signs for Israelis were new anti-boycott regulations that went into effect last week in Germany. More than a week ago, on the heels of a Japanese government demunciation of the boycott, the heads of major Japanese trading companies came to Israel. While the visit produced no new contracts, the mere fact that it had taken place was considered significant, given Japan's faithful adherence to the boycott over the years.

Beyond that, Israeli officials and American Jewish groups are looking to the Clinton ad-See BOYCOTT, Page 4

Hong Kong's Wild Films Get U.S. Action

By Jeffrey Ressner

LOS ANGELES — Images flash by like lightning in "Savior of the Soul," a low-budget 1991 fantasy film in which a young vigilante lights off a supernatural punk named Silver Fox. Flying daggers zigzag across the screen. The hero stuns Silver Fox with a yo-yo that

changes into a sword. Both men defy gravity and joust in midzir. The film is filled with enough slick special effects and editing tricks to make even George Lucas envious.

Welcome to the new wave of Hong Kong cinema — films characterized by comic-book mages, hyperkinetic quick cuts and mind-boggling story lines. The 1987 film "A Chines Ghost Story," for example, featured a rapping samurai, a descent through hell and a demon with a mile-long tongue. "Hard-Boiled" (1992) had enough gumplay to make "Lethal Weapon" look like "The Little Mermaid." There are dazzling martial-arts comedies, mystical sex sagas, even heartwarming coming-of-age dramas.

Aside from being made in Hong Kong, what unites these films is their style — a visceral

Unlike American films, Hong Kong movies are produced in assembly-line fashion; a handful of studios churn out scores of potboilers, with stars sometimes running from one set to another in the same day. The films, often made in Cantonese or Mandarin, are dubbed for showings throughout Asia or subtitled for English-speaking audiences.

Along with the United States, India and Japan, Hong Kong is one of the world's leading producers of movies. Although a serious dramatic film is occasionally made there, most Hong Kong movies are action-oriented.

These high-octane, offbeat pictures tend to be shown in the United States at festivals or Chinatown theaters. But while appreciated beretofore by a small underground, they are mning to reach a wider American audience amid both optimism and skepticism about their ability to shuck off their cult status.

One manifestation of the phenomenon is "1993 Festival Hong Kong: Cinema of Blazing Passions," a two-week, 14-film series devoted to

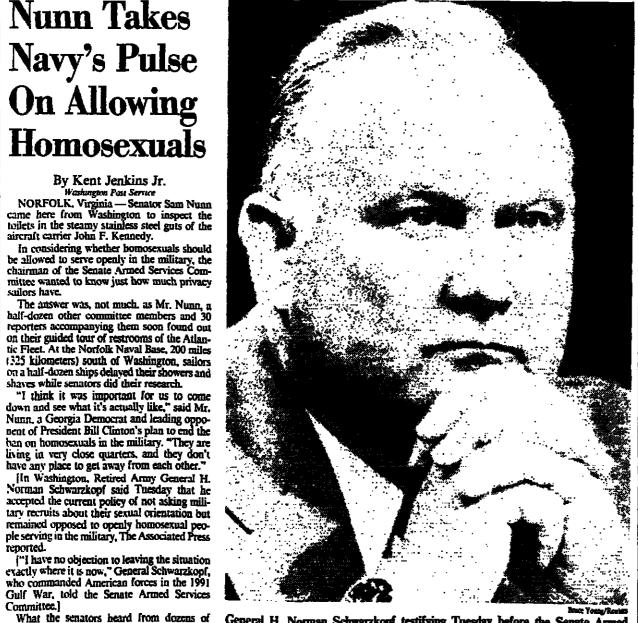
excitement, a sense that the action might jump the Hong Kong style, opening on Thursday in off the screen.

"Audiences always want to see something new," said the director John Woo as he ate steamed chicken's feet in an elegant Mandarin restaurant near the Universal Pictures studio in

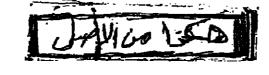
Heralded as the Asian counterpart to Sergio Leone or Sam Peckinpah, Mr. Woo makes heavily stylized action films of soulful gangster angst and slow-motion carnage, including "A Better Tomorrow" (1986) and "Tae Killer" (1989), hailed as prime examples of the Hong Kong school Kong school

"American movies have too many traditional formulas and plots," he said. "Hong Kong movies have a wild look of freedom about them." Last year, Mr. Woo moved to Los Angeles from Hong Kong and signed a multipicture deal with Universal that begins this fall with "Hard Target," a gun-happy thriller starring Jean-Claude Van Damme.

Says Oliver Stone, the director of "Platoon" and "JFK": "These movies have always been a See FLASHY FILMS, Page 9



General H. Norman Schwarzkopf testifying Tuesday before the Senate Armed Services Committee. He argued against homosexnals serving openly in the military.



By Nathaniel C. Nash New York Times Service

Daniela Furci sat crying in the chambers of a judge last June, he took her green identito get a new one with her real name, Mariana Zaffaroni. He warned her never to use

the name Furci again.

Two days earlier, a blood test proved that she was not the child of the Argentine couple who had raised her but the daughter dered the arrest of Mr. Furci and his wife,

Mariana's real parents were among some 9,000 Argentines and Uruguayans who were made to "disappear" in the 1970s. when rightist military governments waged what came to be known as a "dirty war" against those suspected of being leftists or

judge, Roberto Marquevich, said.

New York Times Service

ter Yitzhak Rabin averted a gov-

ernment crisis on Tuesday that had

threatened his parliamentary ma-

jority, but he may have only de-layed the day of reckoning by a

While the unresolved political

drama contains elements that prompted one of its central figures to call it "a surrealistic play," it is also a serious business that has dis-

tracted and perhaps weakened the Rabin government at a time when

it would prefer to put full energy into the Middle East peace talks

Those negotiations hit yet anoth-

er of their many snags this week when the Palestinians greatly

scaled back the size of their delega-

tion to protest what they called a

"lack of seriousness" in Israeli pro-

posals for Palestinian self-govern-ment in the occupied West Bank

The political crisis staring at Mr. Rabin would not necessarily bring

down his Labor-led government, but it could cost him his assured

majority in parliament if it is not resolved in the next week.

rior Minister Aryth Deri, leader of

the ardently religious Shas, to quit

the governing coalition unless Mr. Rabin gets rid of the minister of

Aloni, leader of the leftist Meretz

bloc and a secularist who has of-

Royal Family

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under way in Washington.

and Gaza Strip.

JERUSALEM - Prime Minis-

Rabin Defuses Crisis,

A 'Surrealistic Play'

Central Figure Calls It

guayan children forcibly deprived of their BUENOS AIRES — As 17-year-old parents, courts and psychologists are grappling with an especially difficult issue as a few dozen approach adulthood: can, or fication card, ripped it up and ordered her should, courts require that teen-agers stoadoptive families?

of slain Uruguayan leftists. The man she Adriana Maria González de Furci, on had assumed was her father, a former se-cret police agent named Miguel Angel ment of a minor, and falsification of docu-Furci, had played a part in kidnapping her ments. In March, Mr. Furci was sentenced mother and father when she was 18 months to seven years in prison and his wife to

> Although Judge Marquevich barred Mariana from living with her adoptive parents, he essentially allowed her to remain in the same family by awarding custody to Mrs. González de Furci's mother.

When adolescents like Mariana find out "There is no precedent that I know of for about their past, adjusting to the truth can this type of case — the secret police systematically stealing the fruit of the womb publicly about the case but has told the of the people they tortured and killed," the courts that she wants to remain with the Furci family. She has also asked that her

> fended many Orthodox Jews with a series of remarks on religion and

If Mr. Deri were to leave and

take Shas's six Parliament mem-

bers with him, the coalition would be left with only 56 of 120 parlia-mentary seats: 44 from Labor and

It could scrape together a narrow majority of 61 with support from

five lawmakers from two Arab parties that are not part of the govern-

But the prime minister might not

find that a comfortable position to be in for long, especially when he is trying to build national support for

plans to give up territory to Arabs in return for peace.

of resignation on Sunday. Minutes

before it was to take effect on Tues-

day, he withdrew it, giving Mr. Ra-

bin another week to come up with a

solution that has thus far eluded

him. The prime minister is likely

also to use the extra time to try huring another religious party into

Beyond parochial questions of

ministry assignments, the turmoil

alition of strange bedfellows, espe-

cially its leftist and religious ele-

Mr. Deri had submitted a letter

grandmother, who struggled for years to recover her, not call her any more.

An association of grandparents, the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo, has documented more than 200 cases in which the children of improved Argenting or Management of a Manageme the children of imprisoned Argentines or Uruguayans were abducted during the dirty war — delivered into the hands of their captors, shipped off to orphanages without a trace of identification, or aban-

For several years in the late 1970s, the track down the children, and amnesty and Argentine police also ran a baby-traffick. pardons have exempted many military and ing network in which the infants of jailed police officers from prosecution. lefusts were funneled to childless families of military and police officials.

believed to be unaware of their true origins. Some live with their parents' old adversaries, in a world of secrets, or with couples who never knew exactly where they came of new military coups resurface. Irom but adopted them without breaking Despite the obstacles, hundred

For the adolescents who learn the truth, "it's a snock you cannot explain," said Dr. Juan Carlos Volnovich, a psychologist who has worked with children of people who vanished in the 1970s.

"You just have to imagine what it is like

Although the psychological and legal plight of such children has drawn the attention of human rights groups, organizations seeking to return them to their biological families receive little aid from either coundoned in city parks as far away as Valpa- try's government. Government officials and judges have often blocked efforts to track down the children, and amnesty and

Still transmatized by the memory of f military and police officials.

Today, the majority of those children are elieved to be unaware of their true origins. one live with their parents' old adversary. avoid confronting the recent past, imposing a kind of self-censorship lest the specter

> Despite the obstacles, hundreds of relatives vow to keep searching until they draw their last breath

The center of the search is in a small fourth-floor office in Buenos Aires, the base of the grandmothers' group. Founded in 1977 as an offshoot of the better-known

ing that anyone was the grandparent of a specific child. But in 1988, a blood test was developed that could link the genetic makeup of children and grandparents with 95 percent accuracy.

were born to Argentines. The second-largest group, 10, were born to Uruguayans.
The fate of 163 remains unknown. Of the

remain in dispute.

In all, the group has compiled a list of 217 abducted grandchildren, including several whose mothers were pregnant when they entered Argentina's one-way prisons between 1976 and 1980. The vast majority

54 children who have been traced, seven were killed by the police, 25 have been restored to their biological families, 13 have stayed with nonmilitary families who adopted them in good faith, and nine cases

"The captors think they own these chil-dren, and they say they love them," said Estela Barnes de Carlotto, president of the grandmothers' group. "You can't love a child who you robbed and are still lying to Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, the grand- about who they are."

WORLD BRIEFS

Waigel Seen as Next Bavaria Premier BONN (Reuters) — Speculation mounted here Tuesday that Finance Minister Theo Waigel might soon give up his job of trying to restore order to Germany's post-unity finances and return to his native Bavaria ad

Die Welt, a conservative daily with good contacts in Chancellon Helmut Kohl's coalition, reported that Mr. Waigel was ready to replace the Bavarian premier, Max Streibl, who is under pressure to quit for accepting vacations paid for by a businessman.

The newspaper speculated that Interior Minister Rudolf Seiters might take Mr. Waigel's place at the Finance Ministry. Mr. Seiters said the reports were speculative, but he did not deny them outright. "We'll have to wait and see and watch developments," he said at a news conference.

Major Holds Meeting With Rushdie

LONDON (Reuters) — Prime Minister John Major met Salman Rushdie on Tuesday in what was intended as a strong signal to Tehran of Britain's intention to step up efforts to free the author from an Iran

Mr. Rushdie, who has lived under police protection for more than four years, said he had been greatly encouraged by his first meeting with a British prime minister since the death order was issued in 1989. The author said that Mr. Major had resterated that "what Iran has done is totally unacceptable." Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini ordered Muslim to kill Mr. Rushdie, accusing him of blaspheming Islam in a novel

Sudan Mobilizing Near Egypt Border

CAIRO (Reuters) - Sudan said Tuesday that it was mobilizing to face a border dispute with Egypt that threatened regional security. An Egyptian Foreign Ministry official said he could not confirm or deny that Cairo had warned Khartoum or given it an ultimatum over the border area of Halaib. The situation on the ground in Halaib was not clear. Sudanese radio, monitored by the BBC, said that Ghazi Salah Din.

minister of state at the presidency, had reviewed the "Halaib issue and said Sudan would be taking mobilization measures in this regard." It did

The Sudanese interior minister, Brigadier Abdel-Rahim Mohamma Hussein, said Sunday that Egypt had given Khartoum an ultimatum to withdraw police in and near the desert triangle of Halaib. Egypt and its state-controlled media accused General Hussein of trying to fabricate a

Turkmenistan Trade? See Al Haig

WASHINGTON (AP) - Turkmenistan, one of the least known and most remote of the former Soviet republics, has hired former Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. to help it attract U.S.

Mr. Haig and a Virginia businessman, Michael Ansari, are partners in a venture that will net them a percentage of deals struck by American companies there. The central Asian nation is rich in natural gas and oil and was a major exporter of cotton when it was part of the Soviet Union. Mr. Ansari said that U.S. companies that want to do business in Turkmenistan "will be doing the business through us and with us." Asked if he and Mr. Haig would be the exclusive agents for Turkmenistan, Mr. Ansari demurred and said they would be "more like a conduit."

President Saparmurad A. Niyazov, who was elected in 1990 with 99.5 percent of the vote and is the former head of the Communist Party, permits no political opposition or free press. One U.S. official, speaking anonymously, called Mr. Niyazov "a warm and fuzzy dictator," adding that the opposition was "brutally repressed."

Ex-Communist Held in Italy Scandal

ROME (Reuters) — Italy's former Communists were in danger of being drawn into the country's huge competion scandal on Tuesday whe one of the top officials of the former party was arrested in a briber investigation of the state railway system.

Judicial sources said Renato Pollini, who was administrative secretary.

of the Communist Party, now renamed Democratic Party of the Left, was held in Florence for suspected illegal financing of political parties. The party has strongly denied receiving funds from groups bidding for ke-Filled Floor's contracts from the Ferrovic dello Stato, the state railway. "These reports are just a defamatory press campaign," a party spokesman said Tuesday. The new blow to the former Communists coincides with a walkout by a second of the former party spokesman said Tuesday.

The new blow to the former Communists coincides with a walkout by a 30-member left-wing faction to protest the decision by the party leader, 2 Achille Occhetto, to back the new government of Prime Minister Carlo Carl

Iraqi Bomb 'Signature' Seen in Bush Plot

BAGHDAD-BOUND — Iraqi truck drivers waving their passports in celebration at the Jordanian-Iraqi border Tuesday. Iraq opened the border after a surprise six-day closing, during which it invalidated old dinar notes and allowed only Iraqi residents to exchange them for new ones. Baghdad charged that Iraq's opponents had been planning to use the old notes to disrupt its economy.

By Douglas Jehl New York Times Service

underlines the delicacy of this co-WASHINGTON - The car bomb found by the Kuwaiti auments. "We are in a surrealistic thorities in a suspected assassinaplay of two cultures that have to live together," Mrs. Aloni said after tion plot against George Bush, the former president, bears a striking the deal she had reluctantly acceptresemblance to the sophisticated explosive devices used by Iraqi agents in attempted terrorist at-tacks during the Gulf War, U.S.

> and American intelligence experts had found its detonating mecha-

ed fell through.
— CLYDE HABERMAN

That distinctive signature represents the most powerful evidence yet pointing to Iraqi government sponsorship of the plot, the offi-cials said. But they said American investigators intended to interview at least some of the 16 suspects in the case who are now in Kuwaiti They said an examination of the custody before making any judg-ment about Iraqi responsibility. weapon by federal investigators

to be almost exactly the same as as Kuwait declared its intent to put those in weapons assembled by the the suspects on trial rather than Iraqis in several earlier thwarted permit them to be extradited to the

> That decision removes an option that had been under early consideration by President Bill Clinton, officials said, and could increase pressure on the White House to consider direct retribution against Iraq if its government is found to have directed an assassination ef-

> > Clinton administration officials Senate Select Committee on Intelli-

could be made. But congressional leaders from both parties urged Monday that the United States respond quickly and with military force if Iraqi sponsorship could be

that in such a case he would favor "sure and swift" American military crat of Arizona, chairman of the

The implications of that review said it would be at least several gence agreed.

Richard G. Lugar of Indiana, the ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said retaliation against Iraqi terrorist bases. Dennis DeConcini, Demo-

U.S. Stalls on Giving Embassy Jobs to Americans

By John M. Goshko

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Almost two years after Congress decided U.S. citizens could compete for previ-ously restricted jobs in American embassies abroad, the State Department continues to prevent its far-flung outposts from hiring

Department officials say the delay comes from difficulties in-volved in implementing the law. But disappointed job seekers and their allies in Congress contend that the department has turned a into a bureaucratic nightmare.

At issue are approximately 9,400 positions - among them those for drivers, cooks, clerks, secretaries, accountants and translators --- that for years were filled only by foreign nationals. In July 1991, Congress

agreed that the practice amounted to discrimination against Ameri-cans and passed legislation opening the jobs to U.S. citizens.

The World Federation of Americans Abroad, a private organiza-tion of about 150,000 members, says that since then, thousands of Americans have applied for the jobs only to be told that they can't be hired because the State Department does not have an employment policy for them.

The principal problem, everyone agrees, is the department's insisthat the department has turned a tence on devising pay scales for straightforward legislative directive different jobs in different countries that are comparable to the going rate for similar positions in the United States. The department also wants to classify American hires as temporary employees and provide fewer fringe benefits than those for

flicts with the intent of the legislation when Senator John D. Rocke-feller 4th, Democrat of West "Such comments are terribly un-Virginia, proposed it. In a March 3 fair," said Kenneth Hunter, a depletter to J. Brian Atwood, undersecuty assistant secretary of state for retary of state for management, Mr. Rockefeller said that his idea

was to give American employees salaries and benefits equivalent to what foreign nationals are paid by other State Department officials U.S. embassies. To do otherwise would discriminate against U.S. citizens, he said. "It doesn't take a rocket scientist didn't really have an answer.

to understand that point," said one congressional staff member. "But the State Department continues to insist that it must have a different scale of pay, benefits and job secu-nity for Americans. When you consider that they're trying to work out a system applicable to some 150 plain what he meant.

Federation and congressional countries, many with vastly differstaffers say that this approach con- ent pay rates, you come away with, This takes a great amount of time

> personnel who is developing the pay scales for Americans. However, when Mr. Hunter and

were asked why the department doesn't want to pay Americans the same as foreign employees, they

When asked about it during his confirmation hearing in March, Mr. Atwood spoke of "the desir-

TRAVEL UPDATE

South Africa Hopes for More Tourists

DURBAN, South Africa (Reuters) — South Africa wants a major Frozen Crapa to John share of the international tourism market to help rejuvenate a batter economy as the country moves toward democracy.

But Tourism Minister Bhadra Ranchod conceded at a news conference.

But Tourism Minister Bhadra Ranchod conceded at a news conference; that violence wracking the country would have to be halted before an influx of tourists could be expected.

Official statistics show about 560,000 foreigners visited South Africa in

1992, an increase of 7 percent from a year earlier. South Africa hopes to draw 960,000 foreigners by 1995 and 1.7 million by the end of the century.

French rail workers held a 24-hour strike Tuesday to protest planned

job cuts, disrupting train traffic in several regions. Dutch commuters walked to work Tuesday as public transport employees in Amsterdam went on strike for a day for more pay.

Smoking will be phased out on Chinese international flights, civil aviation authorities said in Beijing, starting with a ban applied to Hong Kong routes effective July 1, the Workers' Daily said. (Reuters)

Alarmed by a rash of train robberies, China's Ministry of Railways has ordered stricter security, China Daily reported.

Bangalore's airport will be upgraded by Indian aviation authorities, and the country's airport administrative bodies will be merged. The Bangalore project is expected to be completed within 18 months.

Fearing U.S. competition, the Chilean Airlines' Association asked the government in Santiago on Monday to intervene with U.S. authorities to prevent two U.S. carriers, United Airlines and American Airlines, from expanding their services from Chile. (Renters)

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Japan, Upset Over Sanctuary Plan, Threatens to Quit Whaling Group

the Antarctic Ocean passed a preliminary hurdle Tuesday at the International Whaling Commission, prompting a new Japanese threat

to quit the group.

Environmentalists welcomed the vote in favor of the measure by the commission's technical committee, but acknowledged that the plan would face a tough fight when it came before the full commission, probably on Thursday.

"Obviously, we're pleased," said Kieran Mulvaney of Greenpeace. "It's a moral victory." A Japanese Foreign Ministry of-

ficial said, "France was very much determined to put this proposal to a vote. We are very disappointed



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Delegates who attended the closed session said that the Japa-nese commissioner, Kazno Shima, warned before the vote that Japan would consider quitting if the mea-sure won final approval.

Mr. Shima said before the fiveday meeting began on Monday that Japan might leave the commission if a moratorium on commercial whaling was extended.

The proposal needed only a simple majority in the technical committee, but it will require approval of three-quarters of those voting in the full commission, with abstentions not counted. The technical committee's vote was 13 to 8, with 10 abstentions, delegates said.

The French proposal, which has U.S. support, would establish a whale sanctuary in the waters south of 40 degrees south latitude for a period of 50 years, when it could be

The measure has been strongly opposed by the Japanese government. Tokyo also has mounted a campaign for the resumption of commercial whaling which has been subject to an international

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KYOTO, Japan — A French
plan to create a whale sanctuary in

The sanctuary in that the proposal was passed by the committee."

Norway, which is resuming whaling despite the moratorium imposed by the commission, also is whaling despite the moratorium imposed by the commission, also is pressing for it to be ended. Iceland, which quit the group last year over the moratorium, says it is considering resuming whaling.

Japan and Norway want to hunt minke whales, a species they say is

Both countries welcomed estimates by the scientific committee that the species could be hunted in limited numbers without depleting stocks, but the panel made the same finding last year and the commission still voted to keep the mor-

portant one in Japan, which says that whaling is part of its tradition and that the ban on commercial whaling amounts to foreign inter-

The issue is a symbolically im-

Despite heavily financed lobby-ing to reverse the global ban, Japa-nese officials now say Tokyo may gain nothing from the Kyoto con-

"Considering what is happening here now, I feel there is no point in hosting a huge conference like this," a Forcign Ministry official said. (AP, AFP, Reuters)

U.S. Approves Female Condom For Marketing

WASHINGTON - The last regulatory barrier to Reality—the long-awaited female condom has fallen, the device's manufacture. announced.
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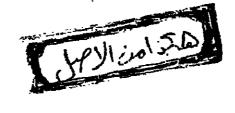
tained Food and Drug Administra-tion approval for U.S. marketing "It's been a long 5½ years trying, to get to this point," said John A Wundrock, chief executive officer of the company.

The condom is a new standard sheath with a flexible plastic ring on each end, one of which remains to the condom standard standar said it is cumbersome to use, actthe tically unappealing and noisy.

But it is the first "barrier" contrasome protection against sexual some protection against sexual transmitted diseases. The against remained diseases are sexual transmitted diseases. ceptive for women that also allows for "highly effective prosection" against sexually transmitted discusses such as AIDS, it is important to use latex condoms for men. The label must also state that the

pregnancy rate for users, approxi-mately 26 percent per year, is higher than rates for other women's barrier contraceptives, such as diaphragus. The company said this was attribut able to misuse of the new de that rates would drop with time.





STATESIDE / PRESIDENT MAKES HIS PITCH



President Bill Clinton seeking grass-roots support for his domestic agenda. He spoke to members of the City Club of Cleveland.

On Economy, Clinton Woos Grass Roots

By Paul F. Horvitz

WASHINGTON - After only a few months in office, President Bill Cimton seems to have given up trying to influence members of Concress on his own. He wants help, and on Tuesday in suburban Chicago he even asked high school students to lend a hand.

In another campaign-style speech, the president returned to the high-profile sales pitch that he perfected during the 1992 presiden-

The White House, it appears, be-lieves that selling the public on Mr. Clinton's political agenda and at-tacking the lobbyists who stand in its way is the surest way to motivate reluctant members of Congress. A related goal may be to raise

Mr. Clinton's public approval rating so that Democrats in Congress will feel more politically comfort-able following his lead. The pitch on Tuesday was for the ege loan program to make higher

education more accessible to middle- and lower-income students. But the approach was the same that Mr. Clinton employed on Monday in a speech to the City Club of Cleveland

At Fenton High School on Tues-

cause in the system we have, the Another theme of Mr. Clinton's people that are making plenty of during this week's presidential road money out of the present system trip is nonpartisanship. Americans will fight it, and they will hire lobindicated clearly during the 1992 byists who make their money by campaign that they were tired of trying to infinence the Congress."

"No sooner had I even men "gridlock" in Congress.

tioned changing this system than Mr. Clinton, a Democrat, be-Congress was deluged with lobby- lieves he can be more effective by naming above overt political He did not explain to the stu-ents why members of Congress, that harsh Republican attacks of

dents why members of Congress, most of whom belong the presithe past two months will backfire. dent's own political party, are more likely to listen to lobbyists than to the White House. Instead, he simply asked for a little lobbying from al agenda and try to ask people to lay down their partisen armor." He

"It is your life that's on the line, said the worst approach was to it is your future that's on the line, "stay in paralysis." he told the students. White House aides may also "If you want a better chance to have high hopes that presidential pay for a college education, he said, travel will provide Mr. Clinton then you need to tell your mem with more favorable local press

bers of Congress, without regard to coverage than he receives from the their political party, that you would On Monday night, Mr. Clinton dined with the chairman of the like to have a better future and this is a change that you want made." It is unclear how clearly grass-roots support for Mr. Clinton's tax-writing committee, Dan Ros-economic agenda will be heard in tenkowski, Democrat of Illinois.

Congress. Increasingly, associa-Mr. Rostenkowski was pushing. tions and lobbying groups in and talking optimistically about, a Washington employ telephone, compromise under which Mr. Clinfacsimile and letter-writing camton would drop his investment-tax facsimile and letter-writing cam-paigns that are generated directly credit proposal and use the freedup money to scale back the request

absolutely committed to it," Mr. Rostenkowski said, although a scnior Clinton aide said such a deal was in the works. Also on the table were details of carrying out Mr. Clinton's proposal for a new energy

The president acknowledged Tuesday there was something in his package for everyone to hate. But more importantly, he said, the fullpackage would reduce the deficit and begin strategic "investments" in education, children, welfare reform and his national service pro-

Mr. Clinton delivered a mild rebuke to Republicans who have tried to block him, but he also held out an olive branch of bipartisanship and cast lobbyists as his plan's greatest enemy.

Referring to public perceptions of the influence of special interests, a Republican poll-taker, Glen Bolger, said, "Both parties are seen as captives, particularly the party that is in power." He said recent research indicated that this perception of Mr. Clinton was particular ly acute among independents and supporters of Ross Perot.

"I don't know if he can pull it off, but there is a lot of mileage in taking on lobbyists," Mr. Bolger

U.S. to Rehire Air Controllers Fired in '81

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration has decided to invite air traffic controllers dismissed in their 1981 strike to reapply for their former jobs, according to administration and congressional

The controllers, barred from re-employment by President Ronald Reagan, would be allowed to seek reinstatement after the administration decides how many are needed, what criteria to use in their rehiring and what retraining they would require. The plan to send the controllers back to their jobs is being

developed jointly by the departments of Labor and Transportation and the Office of Personnel Management. They hope to send their recommendations to President Bill Clinton this week, the officials said. It is not known when he will act on them.

How many of the controllers would return and how quickly was also unclear. The National Air Traffic Controllers Association, th is affiliated with the AFL-CIO, estimates that 3,000 of the 11,400 controllers who were dismissed are interested in returning to work. But the Federal Aviation Administration contends there is no shortage of air traffic controllers and plans to hire only 200 more this

The administration's action comes amid mounting pressure from Democrats in Congress who consider the ban on re-employment unjustly punitive. They believe that just as the ban became a defining moment for Mr. Reagan, showing that he could not be taken lightly when federal workers defied the government, rehiring the controllers would have symbolic weight for Mr. Clinton as well, signaling a more compassionate, pro-labor stance.

Fewer Smoke-Filled Rooms for Washington

WASHINGTON - House leaders have limited the number of smoke-filled rooms and temporarily banned smoke-filled corridors on their side of the Capitol.

A ban on smoking in public areas of the House half of the Capitol and House Office Buildings, except in designated areas, went into effect after a notice from Speaker Thomas S. Foley, Democrat of Washington. The architect of the Capitol has yet to designate

smoking areas and may take a month to do so, a spokesman said. Members and committee chairmen have retained the privilege of deciding whether smoking is allowed in their personal offices or committee rooms. Directors of support se set smoking policy in their offices. (WP)

D.C. Ways: From Frozen Crops to Job Freeze

WASHINGTON — This is Washington at work: A senato degoning the bureaucracy to get something for his constituents. In this case, Maine's potato farmers lost an estimated \$75 million last year — well over half of average annual sales — because of bad weather. In northern Maine, the loss amounted to 25 percent of the

Senator William S. Cohen, Republican of Maine, was concern that the Agriculture Department had not been forthcoming with aid from a crop disaster assistance program. So he put a hold on the nominations of five senior department officials after their confirmation hearings before the Senate Agriculture Committee on April 28.

The move got attention from the department, which last week made some aid available. It comes to "about \$20 million," an aide said. "The question now is to make sure they are going to get the kinds of aid promised. Once he's satisfied, he will lift the hold." That may not come immediately, "There's a lot of space between \$20 million and \$75 million," an official said. (WP)

Challenge to Packwood Unnerves Panel

WASHINGTON -- Members of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee expressed strong reservations about a challenge to the 1992 re-election of Senator Bob Packwood, Republican of Oregon, during an extraordinary public hearing Monday into charges that he defrauded voters by lying about alleged sexual

While delaying a formal decision, committee members of both parties — including the one woman on the panel — indicated they leared that a decision to unseat Mr. Packwood would create a dangerous precedent, threatening chaos in Senate elections. (WP)

Quote/Unquote

"I think most of you want us to do something and I think you want us to be bold." — President Clinton, in support of his economic

Away From Politics

 A government laboratory is a major source of hazardous waste, the Environmental Protection Agency said. The Agriculture Department lab, in Beltsville, Maryland, releases pesticides, cadmium, lead to the control of the control and mercury, and should be on a list of federal cleanup sites, the

 Three workers were killed and two injured when a drawbridge at Daytona Beach, Florida, suddenly rose as it was being repaired and sent 8 tons of steel flying, crushing the workers, authorities said.

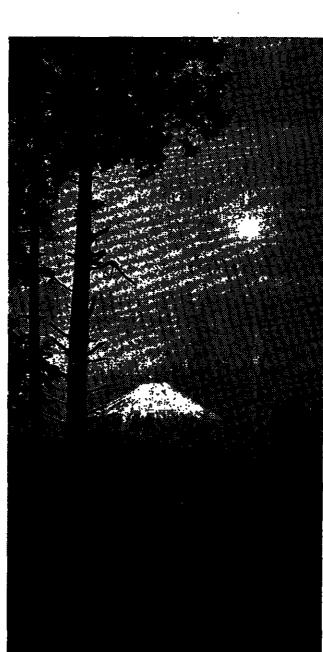
· Federal approval of the antibiotic clarithromycin for treatment of a common AIDS-related infection, mycobaterium avium comple should be given quickly, expert advisers recommended to the Food

Breast-feeding helps reduce ear infections in infants by up to 50 percent, a new study found.

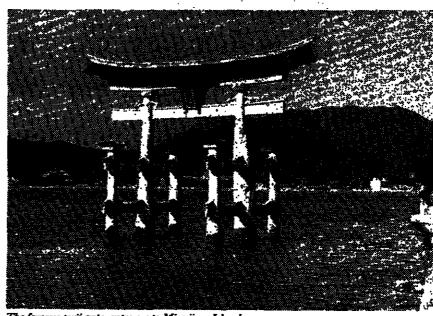
• The C-17 cargo aircraft is in danger of being canceled, McDonnell Douglas Corp. was told by John Deutch, the undersecretary of defense for acquisition. He said the company must meet "contract requirements, particularly schedule specifications and testing re-

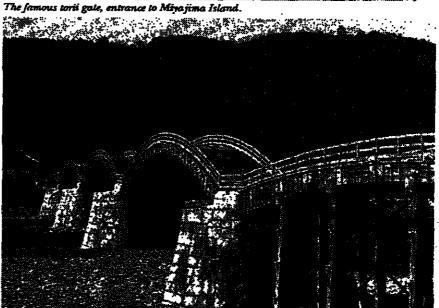
• A police officer shot in the head three weeks ago in a Brooklyn, New York, station house has made what doctors call a remarkable recovery. Mary Clare Capostosto, leaving the hospital, said she would not remain on the force. "Seven years," she said, "I've done my time above and beyond the call of duty."

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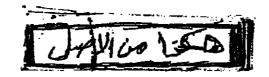
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By John Pomfret

Washington Post Service SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Serbian forces are trying to prevent thousands of Muslims from returning to their homes in the United Nations-mandated "safe area" of Zepa by banning UN relief officials and aid from the town, officials said Tuesday.

They said the move marked a significant violation of a cease-fire and demilitarization agreement signed last week

The de facto blockade of the enclave threatens thousands of lives, said Larry Hollingworth, chief of operations for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Bosnia. Most of the town's 6,500 people and many of the 35,000 refugees who had fled to the enclave over the last few months escaped into the surrounding forests after a Serbian artillery attack last week.

The development, UN officials said, exemplifies a Serbian tactic of carrying out just enough of an accord to defuse international pressure but not enough to reverse a continuing campaign to push Mus-lims from their homes. Further, they said, it raises questions about "safe areas," five of which were mandated by the UN Security Council last week.

On Monday, European Community foreign ministers backed the concept of safe areas in Bosnia as a way out of the conflict. Under that idea, besieged territory would be demilitarized and opened to humanitarian aid.

But UN officials said that if Zepa — or Srebrenica, Bosnia's first safe area, where water installations have yet to be repaired despite Serbian promises — were serving as models, they wanted no part of the concept.

"It clearly did not save Zepa, and it probably won't save anyplace else," Mr. Hollingworth said. "What good is a safe area in a ghost

Under the agreement signed Saturday by Ratko Mladic, commander of the Bosnian Serb military that dominates about 70 percent of Bosnia, a company of UN troops from Ukraine and France and military observers went to the town to disarm Muslim fighters remaining in

At the same time, Mr. Mladic agreed to grant passage for aid, building materials, medicine and clothes into Zepa, which since March 4 has survived on goods dropped by the American, French and German air forces. So far, despite repeated attempts, no aid or aid official has been allowed in.

Mr. Hollingworth said he be-lieved the Serbs were prohibiting wanted to discourage Muslims from returning to their homes.

"As far as the Serbs are concerned, they have achieved their aim," Mr. Hollingworth said. "Fine
— you've got UN military observers in the town. Fine — you've got a Ukrainian battalion in. But there's nobody there. All the people have fled. If that's not easy 'ethnic cleansing,' I don't know what is."

On Monday night, Mr. Holling-worth was forced at gunpoint to leave the eastern city of Rogatica after local Serbian commanders refused to let him travel to Zepa even though he was carrying a Bosnian Serbian army letter of permission. "Every day it gets more aggres-

sive," Mr. Hollingworth said of the treatment he receives from the Serbs. They know that if I get in, I'm going to tell people to go back home, that Zepa belongs to you. I know the Serbs don't want that."

The troubles concerning Zepa are illustrative of a crisis faced by the UN operation to save the needy Bosnia, which, 13 months into the conflict, is confronting the law of diminishing returns. Throughout the war-ravaged country, attacks have escalated on UN aid convoys and their drivers; representatives of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees are being banned from Muslim enclaves in areas controlled by Croats or by Serbs; and Croat and Serb roadblocks have cut off large parts of Muslim terri-tory from aid convoys.

We are delivering less and less food because of troubles on the roads," said José María Mendiluce, chief of the high commissioner's operations in the Balkans. "The main question is, for how long can we continue to guarantee the life of the people."

As if external problems weren't enough, the humanitarian effort also has been beset with difficulties inadvertently caused by UN actions - most recently, Security Council Resolution 820, which tightened the economic embargo on Serbia and Montenegro. The resolution has blocked the UN from bringing 100 trucks of food and supplies into Serbia; they are currently stuck in Hungary and Austria, costing the high commissioner \$33,000 a day.

"Brave bureaucrats are to blame for this one," Mr. Mendiluce said. He said his agency had asked the UN's sanctions committee to allow the aid, most of which is destined



A striking rail worker sitting on a baggage cart Tuesday in Zagreb. Croatian rail employees halted work for a second day, blocking international trains, over the government's failure to pay salaries.

Croats Evict Muslims as Cease-Fire Fails to Take Hold in Bosnian City

MOSTAR, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Bosnian Croatian troops marched hundreds of Muslim civilians down a mountain track to detention in a factory on Tuesday after evicting them from their possessions. Many walked unhomes in embattled Mostar, witnesses said.

A photographer for Reuters news agency saw up to 300 Muslim women and children being hustled down a slope by Croatian

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her at gunpoint to leave. They said they had been removed from their fired them. homes in Mostar, herded onto buses and taken away under guard. None of the detainees had any

steadily down the slope, clutching their loved ones and crying. Fighting between Croats and Mushims was stepped up in Mostar on Tuesday in defiance of a cease-

fire agreed by their leaders. nilitiamen. United Nations peacekeeping
The photographer, Corinne officials said some 60 rounds of

fore Croatian militiamen ordered an hour during the afternoon, but it was not immediately known who In the fighting Tuesday, Cro-

atian forces were trying to push the Muslims across the Neretva River to the east bank. On Monday, the Croats captured the army headquarters in the city. Artillery, heavy machine-gun

and sniper fire echoed through Mostar all day Tuesday, riddling a truce agreed to Monday by Alija Izetbegovic, Muslim president of Bosnia, and Mate Boban, leader of

Milosevic, Pressuring Bosnia, Factory F Sets Up Pan-Serbian Management

By David B. Ottaway

Washington Post Service
BELGRADE — The Serbian president, Slobodan Milosevic, continuing his effort to put pressure on the Bosnian Serbs, an-nounced plans Tuesday for a joint meeting on Friday of Serbian deputies from assemblies in Yugoslavia and the former Yugoslav republics to ratify the UN peace plan for

Such a meeting would place the recalcitrant self-styled parliament from the leader of the Bosman of the Bosnian Serbs in a minority, Serbs, Radovan Karadzic, whether since the parliaments of Serbia and his assembly would accept to re-Montenegro, the two republics solve the intra-Serb dispute over making up the rump Yugoslav fed- the peace plan in such a manner. eration, have approved the plan by large majorities.

voted instead to hold a referendum this weekend in Serb-held areas of Bosnia. It would decide on the plan's fate and whether the Bosnian Serbian "republic" should unite with Serbia itself.

It is this referendum, almost certain to reaffirm rejection of the UN peace plan, that Mr. Milosevic is seeking to about through his proposal for a joint meeting of all Ser-

There was no immediate word

Acceptance of the plan would require the Bosnian Serbs to aban-The Bosnian Serbs' parliament don their attempt to establish a accept the peace plan by closing the refused last Thursday to approve separate republic inside Bosnia as Bosnian border to all goods entering the plan for the third time and part of a "greater Serbia" and also food and medicine.

Mr. Karadzic, who says he has been banned by Belgrade from en-tering Serbia, was allowed back of Tuesday for consultations together with the head of the Bosnian Seria.

kola Sainovic, denied Tuesday the Belgrade had barred the Bost Serbs' leaders from entering Serbs Reuters reported from Belgrade ["No one has been barred from entering Serbia, not even the leadership of the Bosnian Serb Republic." Mr. Sainovic said.]

an assembly, Momedo Krajisnik

Mr. Milosevic has stepped up the pressure on the Bosnian Serbs to

EUROPE: Malaise Drains Enthusiasm for Future

(Continued from page 1) there is widespread disenchantment with Europe's dismal performance in the Balkan crisis, its failure to halt a loss in jobs that has left nearly 17 million EC workers unemployed, and a perceived lack of visionary leadership.

The Community has always coped poorly with recession, and the current one seems more intractable than previous economic downturns. Yet even during the oil crisis of 1973 and the phase of "Eurosclerosis" in the mid-1980s, the Community seemed sure of its ultimate destiny: building a peace-ful, prosperous federation that could serve as a bulwark against the Communist empire in the East.

The latest wave of European pes-simism seems different, and in some ways more troubling, than previous cycles of gloom because the Community is struggling to de-fine its future identity. As a result, the Maastricht treaty, conceived in an era when the Berlin Wall was still standing, no longer seems to correspond to what many people

believe is desirable or feasible.

'deepen" the integration of states through a single currency and com-mon defense. In the interest of secering approval of treaty, Denmark was permitted to disavow those goals while Britain was allowed to forgo participation in the Community's social policy.

"In retrospect, those concessions to Denmark and Britain mean that senior French official. "We will

Starved for cash, the Community is eager to incorporate rich countries such as Austria, Sweden, and perhaps Norway and Finland in the coming years. The former Communist states of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic would follow as full members once they have fortified their nascent market econ-

The treaty wound up being a Ironically, some EC officials are

compromise between those who daring to express in private what was once considered heresy: that? to accommodate new members and Denmark or Britain sinks the treit those who stressed the need to ty, which must be ratified by all members to take effect, the Community might discover renewed vigor in beginning fresh initiative among a core group of states, such as France, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Ger-

many and President François Mitterrand of France have privately agreed to consider ways to accelerdeepening argument has lost, at ate the drive toward a single currency among a smaller, select group of states if Maastricht fails, accordnow have to concentrate on bringing in new members before we can turn our minds again to building common policies." rushing toward a single currency, could pose obstacles to such a plan.

"Any way you look at it, the Community is facing a long period of crisis and doubt," said an adviser to the president of the EC Commission, Jacques Delors. "We will be fighting on several fronts, and for a while the best we may be able to hope for is to minimize the dam-

JAPAN: A Rock and a Hard Place in Cambodia

(Continued from page 1) half-century ago Japan occupied in

its sweep across Asia. In the past several days, Japanese officials have been buffered by charges that they are trying to put the safety of their own troops ahead of that of Bulgarians, Filipinos and others who have died in

The officials deny they are seek-ing special treatment, but in the next breath say that outsiders must understand the enormous political sensitivity of the issue in Japan.

"You may think that we are overreacting to these two deaths." a Chok Tong, said that if Tokyo senior Foreign Ministry official pulled out of the peacekeeping optold a group of foreign reporters on cration, "then Japan will have de-Tuesday, a day after the burial of a cided not to play an international Japanese policeman killed in role." northwestern Cambodia last week.

mendous setback for the govern-

President Alexander V. Rutskoi,

stitutional roadblocks. Although nearly 70 percent of voters in the

ment's hopes to play a far bigger political role on the world stage. As the second largest industrial economy, and the largest contribu-

tor of foreign aid, Japan has been lobbying for a permanent seat on the UN Security Council. The United States has endorsed the effort. But part of the unwritten test has been to show that Japan's contributions go beyond the economic realm. Should Tokyo's first effort at peacekeeping collapse, many be-lieve its claim to the seat would

immediately be cast into doubt. Visiting Tokyo on Monday, the ister of Singapore, Goh

withwestern Cambodia last week. On television and in the press, "But I hope you understand that where direct challenges to the govthis is the first case since 1945 of ernment's judgment are rare, heatanese troops being sent abroad. ed arguments have broken out.

And we have to move very can-tiously. If we fail, it will take years Mainichi Shimbun, has called for a to dispatch them elsewhere. So withdrawal of forces. A popular even if it may look selfish, we have television commentator has comto ask the United Nations to take pared the current government to all necessary precautions to protect Japan's World War II leaders, who kept the public in the dark about Indeed, failure could mean a tre-the dangers facing their troops.

But the conservative Sankei

Shimbun has condemned the govcriment for the "extremely selfish act" of sending the country's home affairs minister to Cambodia over the weekend in a largely failed of fort to get Japanese civilian police moved out of the country's most dangerous areas.

In many ways, Japan is tripping over a national ethos it carefully nurtured since the end of the war Defining the nation around its "peace constitution." which bar Japan from using force to settle ternational disputes, the country has raised two generations of Japa nese to believe that nothing is more valuable than a human life — par ticularly a Japanese life.
In the minds of some, this is at

extreme reaction to the carnage o World War II, when thousands o Japanese troops were told to figh to the death in the name of the emperor rather than give up a los

Meanwhile, the 75 Japanese ci vilian police who were sent un armed into northern Cambodia ar telling their Japanese commander over satellite telephones that the are being robbed, that they are run ning out of food and water and tha they are being targeted by compet

(Continued from page 1) ered that they can set up shop in Even in the recently improved Israel without harming their inter-ests in the Arab world. climate, thousands of companies remain on the blacklist kept by the

ministration to exert new vigor in efforts to kill the boycott once and

Although American companies have been prohibited for 16 years v irom opservir Arab blacklist, enforcement has often been spotty.

Many Israelis say that momenturn is now with them.

"I believe that the Arab boycott is on a losing trend," said Micha Harish, the minister of industry and trade. Dan Gillerman, president of the Federation of Israel Chambers of Commerce, says that many companies — including gi-ants like Coca-Cola, IBM, Hilton Hotels, and Toyota - have discov- over the last 45 years.

"In many cases, the fear of the boycott turned out to be stronger than the boycott itself," Mr. Gillerman said. "Companies that never spoke to us, that would never answer an Israeli fax, are now coming

His organization estimates that the blacklist has reduced Israeli exports and foreign investment in Is- peans and Asians. rael by 10 percent a year. "At the end of the day, I don't think Israel was devastated," he said. Nonetheless, the federation calculates that at that annual percentage, the country has lost more than \$40 bil-lion in exports and investments

remain on the blacklist kept by the Damascus-based Central Office for the Boycott of Israel; they include hundreds of companies added in Arabia and Kuwait have signaled that they are ready to ease up on American companies, they have

made no such gesture toward Euro-

In fact, several European compa-nies were recently added to the roster, including CSA, the national airline of the Czech Republic. The carrier had been "transporting Jewish settlers to Palestine," an official in Damascus said.

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foundation whatsoever. The question of tying anything in the EC position to the referendum is totalnews conference in Brussels.

The Bosnian Serb's self-styl parliament rejected the Owen-Vance peace plan for the region last week but agreed to call a plebiscite among its people on Saturday and Sunday. The United States has dismissed the move as a cynical ploy designed to win the Serbs time.

Mr. Petersen said EC foreign ministers had expressed the same view at a meeting in Brussels on Monday. "We attach no impor-tance to that referendum," he said, "we don't see the validity of that

One European diplomat said: The Americans are shifting the blame to us, for something we haven't said. It's garbage," While the United States has been

making the case for air strikes and arming Bosnia's Muslims, the Europeans argue that more emphasis should be put on sanctions, political pressure and putting into effect an international peace plan for On Tuesday, Mr. Biden used an

appearance by Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, who was testifying before his committee on arms control issues, to express out-

crack down on Bosnia, Mr. Biden

"What you've encountered, it position to the referendum is totally absurd," he said, speaking at a news conference in Personal self-delusion and hypocrisy.

> can," he added. "I can't even begin to express my anger for a European policy that's now asking us to participate in what amounts to a codification of a Serbian victory." Mr. Biden conceded, however, that the United States cannot take

military action on its own and might be forced by the Europeans' reluctance to abandon military options to stop the killings in Bosnia.

Mr. Christopher did not respond. The secretary toured European capitals last week in an effort to drum up allied support for Mr. Clinton's call that stronger outside action was quickly needed to end a bloodbath that has involved "ethnic cleansing" of Muslims by Serbs. But Mr. Christopher encountered widespread opposition in Europe to Mr. Clinton's proposals.

Instead, the European Community appealed to the United States on Monday to join European nations that have troops serving with UN forces in Bosnia by sending troops to defend Muslim enclave designated as "safe areas."

"This was an effort to engage the rage at the refusal of European Americans in what we see as a more leaders to endorse U.S. calls for constructive manner," a EC diplomat result of the Constructive manner, and the constructive manner. Thanking Mr. Christopher for a States has the soft option - lob a recent mission in which he tried to couple of bombs, supply the Mus-

MOSCOW: Yeltsin Dismisses 2 Key Conservatives mentary elections, the president still has no clear legal option to adopt a constitution or call elecfirst fruit of that process, Mr. Skokov had identified himself with Mr. tions without approval of the par-Yeltsin's opponents, including Vice

when Mr. Yeltsin dramatically Even after the actions on Tuescalled for emergency measures on March 20 to end the political deadday, Mr. Yeltsin's own team ap-pears divided about the course of lock. Mr. Rutskoi, who has emerged as a leader of the conserreform. Although the president fired two conservatives, he had re-cently appointed two others, invative opposition, cannot be dismissed but has been stripped by Mr. Yeltsin of most of his duties.

Shaking up his own team is among the few steps Mr. Yeltsin can take without running into contake without running into concinding a first deputy prime minis-ter, Oleg Lobov, who appear to favor a continuing major role for state planning in the economy.

liament he wants to sidestep.

Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, who was imposed on the referendum called for new parlia- president by the parliament in De-

SAILORS: Nunn Takes Navy's Pulse on Homosexuals

cember, voiced suspicion Tuesda of Western aid and support fo helping producers in a way that se him clearly apart from the government's radical reformers.

And while Mr. Fyodorov, in a article in Izvestia, emphasized th need to restrict credits to unprofil able state-owned enterprises to control inflation, Mr. Chernomyr din stressed that no strict credi policy could work "if the market i not filled with goods," the Interfar agency reported.

Mr. Rutskoi, who has said is wants to run for Mr. Yeltsin's job warned Mr. Yeltsin not to circumvent the parliament in getting the

it because it's hard to deal with." Mr. Clinton has said he intends sailors they questioned Monday may have been as important as what they saw on board ship. A clear majority of the sailors said they would not want to serve with to lift the ban but has given Defense Secretary Les Aspin until July to determine what standards should be used. Mr. Nunn is hold-

openly homosexual shipmates. But a sizable minority said it made no difference to them. "It's repulsive, the lifestyle of the

homosexuals," said Charles Smith, a black master chief petty officer whom Mr. Nunn encountered in the cramped sleeping quarters of the Kennedy. "A lot of people com-pare it to allowing blacks to serve in the military. It's not the same thing," he said, adding that homosexuals "choose how they live -

But standing in the toilet of the attack submarine Baton Rouge, where 140 sailors live in some of the navy's tightest quarters for weeks at a time, Petty Officer 3d Class Robert Lewis said the sexual orientation of his shipmates made no

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way, women probably good to keep quiet about "Everybody's got some pretty rines."

ing hearings to determine whether icy that he has summarized as, the committee he heads will sup-port Mr. Clinton; Congress could override an executive order from the president.

cy that are common in military set- each demonstration was carefully opinions. Many heterosexuals, they argue, are mawilling to share toilets and showers with homosexuals.

The shipboard tours Monday, and a hearing in a packed auditorium on the base, marked the first to a military installation to hear the proposed change.

Among the nine senators who mess hall that seats 28. came to Norfolk - three arrived

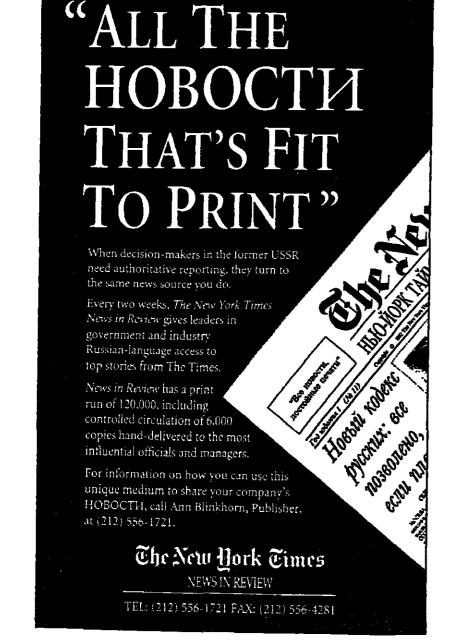
strong views," Mr. Robb said. "I just didn't feel right about ducking this occasion."

Mr. Nunn has led the opposition to lifting the military's ban on the openly homosexual, favoring a pol-"Don't ask and don't tell."

Little about the senators' visits to Norfolk was left to chance. The Opponents of lifting the ban cite — the Baton Rouge, the Flying the tight quarters and tack of priva Fish and the Montpelier — and senators_toured three submarines tings as a major reason for their choreographed, with crew members showing the arrangements of

their daily lives. . Sailors on berths 18 inches (46 centimeters) wide that are stacked three high showed how they get out of bed. They offered, while fully time that lawmakers had traveled clothed, a demonstration of how they use the bathroom in shifts. how service personnel feel about And they are lunch, which involves running 125 enlisted men through a

"The objective," said an officer after the tours - only one, Charles aboard the Montpelier who asked S. Robb, a Virginia Democrat, has not to be identified, "is to show "I don't have any problem with said he favored allowing openly hother how cramped the subs are it." Mr. Lewis said. "There have mosexual people to serve. Knowing and to show them how bad an idea mosexual people to serve. Knowing and to show them how bad an idea

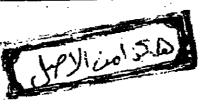






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Bosni Death Toll Over 220 Meetin In Thai Factory Fire Protection and Welfare D

BANGKOK - After workers recovered more than 220 bodies Tuesday from the ruins of a toy factory that burned to the ground in the worst disaster of its kind in history, the government said it feered bundreds more had per-

Most of the victims were women, some of whom had taken young children to work with them at their low-wage jobs, officials said Chitdren were among those killed as the fire raged through the large four-story factory buildings. Officials said some exits had been locked

It was not immediately known how many employees were inside when the fire started Monday, ap-parently from an electrical fault that set ablaze bales of synthetic material used to stuff dolls for maitinational toy companies in the

The provincial governor, Prawate Tortrakoi, said 4,000 people worked at the factory, which is owned by Kader Industrial (Thai-land) Co. Kader Holdings of Hong Kong said it had a 40 percent stake in the Thai company. Kader is one of Hong Kong's oldest and largest toy producers, with factories in Hong Kong, China and Indonesia. It is planning to set up a factory in

At the end of a day of dreadful labor Tuesday, soldiers and rescue workers had managed to penetrate only the top layer of mbble. "Humdreds more are feared dead." an Interior Ministry official said.

partment said the factory did not appear to have a satisfactory emergency escape system.

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"It was completely insufficient for a factory employing thon-sands," the spokesman said. "And ranch the same situation prevails in thousands of other factories in

Chalermphol Prathiparanich, deputy governor of the province, said that fire alarms at the factory were not functioning. In addition, there were no fire escapes.

In an interview broadcast on Thai television, Interior Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh said an investigating committee would examine the building's construction and the factory's manufacturing pro-

Spokesmen for labor contend that insufficient attention is paid in Asia to safe working conditions in an economic climate where the stress of manufacturers is often on keeping production costs as low as

Several industrialized countries, led by the United States, have laws that pensize imports from countries that do not meet basic standards for workers. In practice, these are scarcely ever enforced, because industrialized nations do not want to discourage vibrant eco-

The death toll at the Kader plant exceeded the worst previous fac-tory fire, at the Triangle Shirtwaist factory in New York City. A total of 145 people were killed in that blaze on March 25, 1911. (AFP, AP, Reuters, Bloomberg, WP)



Workers consoling each other Tuesday after seeing bodies removed from the ruins of the factory in the outskirts of Bangkok.

enough, and it should be accompa-nied by a declaration of loyalty.

"Why not give the demand for

French nationality a certain solem-

nity, as is done in the United States

or Canada?" wrote Gerard Niras-

con "Becoming French should be

an opportunity for people who

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nience — marrying a French per-son to acquire nationality.

really want it."

Plot to Kill Leading Communist

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispate JOHANNESBURG - The African National National Congress said Tuesday that rightist white extremists were plotting to assassinate its leaders and detail democracy talks aimed at ending whiteminority rule in South Africa.

It said one of the conspirators had confessed to the police last week that he had been involved in a plot to kill the Communist Party chairman, Joe Slovo, who is also the top white figure in the ANC. The movement accused the po-

lice of not informing Mr. Slovo of the plot.
The police said earlier that they believed there had been a conspiracy to kill Mr. Slovo's Communist Party colleague, Chris Hani, who

ssassinated on April 10. The information reinforces our view that these assassinations are part of a broader conspiracy by forces determined to destabilize the negotiation process," the ANC

Far-right whites yow to take up arms rather than live under a black government. The killing of Mr. Hani, allegedly by a white extremist, rekindled fears that the far right could disrupt multiparty talks on

ending apartheid.

A Poish immigrant, Janusz Wahrs, and two leading far-right figures, Clive Derby-Lewis and his wife, Gaye, will appear in court on Wednesday, accused by the police of killing Mr. Hani.

The plot to kill Mr. Slovo was reported Tuesday by the Star newspaper in Johannesburg and was al-leged to involve three white South Africans and a Hungarian immi-

Mr. Slovo, 67, whose wife was killed by a letter bomb in Mozambique in 1982, said pro-apartheid groups were desperate to derail democracy talks because negotiators were on the verge of reaching agreements on transition to democ-

Neison Mandela, the ANC leader, called on the government Tuesday to take action over the threat. The Star said the four whites involved in the alleged plot against Mr. Slovo had planned to gun him

nesburg suburb between May 15 and 21 Colonel Johan Mostert of the police confirmed an investigation into a plot to kill Mr. Slovo, but disput ed ANC claims that the police had

down outside his home in a Johan-

failed to protect ANC leaders. (Reuters, AP)

ANC Alleges Somali Warlord Sees Himself Reborn as 'Freedom Fighter'

Colonal Jess Prepares to Make a Democratic Comeback

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By Keith B. Richburg Washington Post Service

MOGADISHU, Somalia - With his thick, black beard and piercing eyes, Omar Jess looks every bit the brutal Somali warlord who spent two years stalking Somalia's countryside. But he speaks softly and in articulate English as he now describes himself as a 'freedom fighter" and talks of Abraham Lincoln and the need for representative government.

The reason for the transformation is clear, Colonel Jess's once-formidable militia has been confined to camps, and if his men try to move - as they did on Friday — they are routed by superior Belgian or American forces. Colonel Jess himself has been kicked out of his stronghold in Kismayu by a rival militia leader. Now he finds his movements around the country restricted by order of the United Nations military

With his military power so diminished, Colonel Jess says it is ironic that he is still even labeled a warlord. He said he personally prefers the terms "freedom fighter" or popularly backed leader of his clan. And, in measure of just how dramatically Somalia has changed in five months of foreign military intervention, this onetime warrior widely accused of humanrights abuses is trying on an unfamiliar label:

"The best way is the way you yourselves decide democracy," said Colonel Jess, who fingered a walking cane during an interview. "People should be allowed to choose their own leaders." When U.S. Marines arrived last December, he said, Americans saw men such as himself as "the tough guys, dominating the civilian population."

"But the reason we became strong is that we had popular support," he added. "The Americans took it as if we managed to get some weapons and dominate the civilian population.

Elections in Somalia are still at least two years away, according to a UN-supported plan outlined in the most recent peace accords. But already Colonel Jess is talking about possible outcomes. "If I lose, I can stay out." But if he wins, he will be vindicated, because the Americans "will know that we were not warlords, but freedom fighters."

That a militia leader like Omar Jess should even be talking about democracy and future elections speaks

volumes about the success foreign troops have had here in breaking the power of the gun and forcing Somalia's various regional strongmen to at least mouth promises of dialogue and peaceful negotiation. The political strategy behind the U.S.-led intervention has been to try to dilute the power of the warlords

by confiscating or restricting their weapons and pro-hibiting their forces from moving, while building up alternative voices long neglected, such as women, intellectuals, clerics and elders.

A peace accord reached in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, calls for a 74-member transitional council of representatives from each of the regions and factions. Under heavy U.S. pressure the Somali warlords agreed that at least 15 percent of the council seats vould go to women.

But Somalia's former military strongmen, described by one Western diplomat as "thugs," are showing urprising defeness at adopting the new language of politics, negotiation and compromise. Men like Mohammed Farah Aidid and the self-styled interim president, Mohammed Ali Mahdi — rival warlords whose battle for primacy in the capital left about 30,000 people dead and maimed - are now trying to talk and act like statesmen-politicians.

To many Somali analysts and foreign observers who live here, this outcome was inevitable. The diplomats who tried to clip the warlords' power never properly grasped its roots in clan and regional identity. "The wariords are not extraterrestrial," said a women's group spokeswoman, Faduma Ahmed Alim. "They are part of us. They have their supporters among the people. They have their tribes. They may not use their

guns, but they will use politics."
"When there's a war on," said Mike McDonagh, director here of the Irish aid group Concern, a man like General Aidid "is a warlord. When there's peace, pa-he's a politiciam." Without the strongmen, Mr. 1 & McDonagh said, "you've got a vacuum, you've got an anarchy. This isn't the Mafia. These people have a the following. These people have some standing in their

Colonel Jess agrees, saying that men like General the Aidid and himself overthrew the dictatorship of Mohammed Siad Barre, and now deserve a share of the spoils of victory. Given the new realities, he said, they know now they must achieve it through the ballot box

France Moves on Immigration Rules

PARIS - France's new conservative government, fresh from unveiling economic anaterity plans, turned to face thorny social asses to debate a nationality bill.

The bill, simul at tightening conditions for foreigness acquiring French nationality, is the first to come before Parliament since the conservatives crashed the Socialists in March elections.

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By contrast, he has said he can achieve early results on another main plank of the conservative program — carbing in

The nationality bill is part of a mand for nationality was not series of planned measures on immigration aimed at reassuring rightist voters who resent the presence in France of more than 4 million foreigners, half of them from developing countries.

It states that children born in France of foreign parents will have to apply for French nationality between the ages of 16 and 21 instead of receiving it automatically. Applications from youths with serious mainal records will be refused.

The bill is dividing legislators in Mr. Belladar's Gaullist party, Rai-ly for the Republic, and the center-right Union for French Democracy, some of whom feel the bill er goes too far or not far

enough. sime le ligne neutraper said many deputies lett a simple de-The Control of the Co

Reporter's Death Tied to Druglords

NEW YORK — Angered by his articles about the multibillion-dollar drug trade, the leaders of a Colombian cocaine cartel ordered the murder of a crusading Spanish-lan-gnage journalist, Manuel de Dios Unanne, 48, who was slain in a Queens restaurant 14 months ago, according to federal authorities.

But anti-racist groups have called the bill an assault on a centu-The Colombian traffickers paid ry-old tradition -- giving national-\$20,000 for the killing, authorities ity to all those born in the country. said. But most of the money went The bill also takes away the right to other conspirators, leaving only of foreigners to demand French naa "a very small portion" for a 16tionality for their young children. Instead, the children will have to year-old gunman who calmly walked up behind the journalist wait and make their own applicaand fired two shots into his head as he finished a beer. And it includes a measure aimed

The suspected trigger man, Ale-jandro Wilson Mejia Velez, was arrested in Miami on Saturday.

Paraguay to Let In Exiled Dictator

ASUNCION, Paraguay -Within hours of winning Paraguay's first democratic elections. Juan Carlos Wasmosy, who made a fortune from government construction contracts during the regime of General Alfredo Stroessner, said the former dictator was free to re-

turn from exile in Brazil. "He can come back today if he wants," Mr. Wasmosy said. "If he has problems with the judiciary

that's his problem." Mr. Wasmosy, 54, led the ruling Colorado Party to a bitterly fought election victory Sunday. With about 70 percent of the vote counted, Mr. Wasmosy was given an abuses, although no charges have eight-point lead over Domingo been bought against the general,

Laino of the Authentic Liberal 80, who is now living near Brasilia. Radical Party.

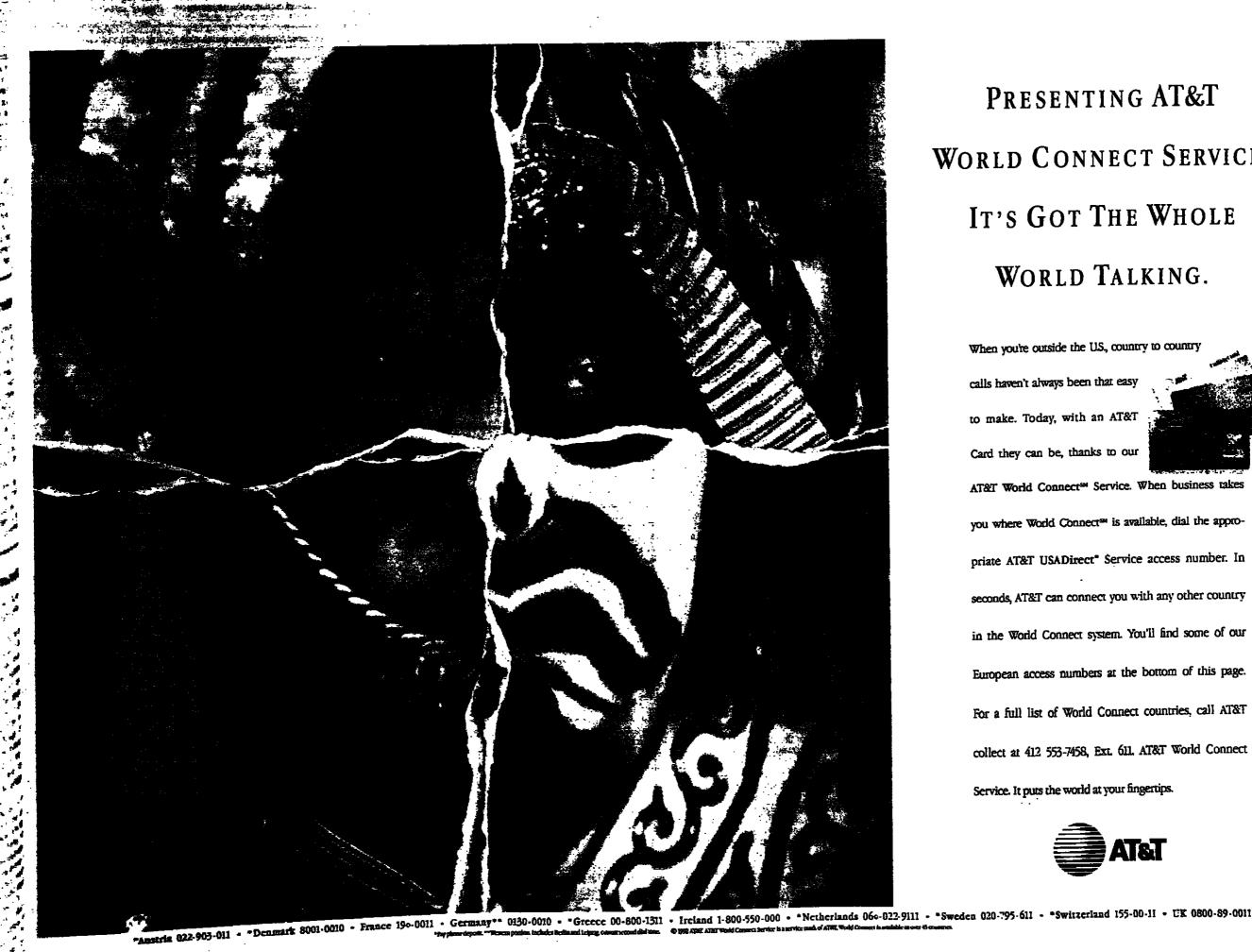
Several points behind Mr. Laino came the National Unity candidate, Guillermo Caballero Vargas, who had led pre-election opinion polls as the prospective clear win-

General Stroessner's 34-year regime ended in a bloody 1989 coup led by former cavalry commander. Andres Rodriguez, who went on to win hurriedly called presidential

Many Stroessner aides were subsequently tried and sentenced for corruption and human rights

Signs of continued military involvement in Paraguayan politics were condemned by Jimmy Carter, the former U.S. president, who was one of more than 200 foreign observers monitoring the election.

Referring to comments by an 18 army commander who hinted at le military intervention if Mr. Wasmosy was defeated, Mr. Carter desaid: "General Lino Oviedo's in-no volvement in the electoral process's was a blatant violation of the con-stitution." He added: "His threat, days before the election, that the military and the Colorado Party would rule for centuries, raised le gitimate fears that a victory by the opposition would not be accepted.



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Go to Bat for Trade

anxieties about the trade agreement with Mexico have little to do with Mexico itself. In the alchemy of political opinion, Mexico has come to stand for the rest of the world in general. The trade deal, the North American Free Trade Agreement, is becoming a focus for all the American concerns about the economic future in a world turned sharply competitive. The opposition to the agreement is rooted in dark forebodings almost comically out of proportion with any possible results. Much too much credence has been given to Ross Perot's crack about a huge sucking sound as American factories and jobs vanish southward. In fact, the agreement would only marginally increase the present advantages in migrating to Mexico, while for many American industries it would strengthen the reasons

to stay where they are.
But this debate rolls along with little reference to what is actually in the agree-ment, and the worriers are right in saying that Congress at present is not much inclined to support it. The legislation is going to be on a tight schedule. Partly to meet campaign promises, but mostly to set his own imprint on a deal negotiated by Presi-dent George Bush. President Bill Clinton wants side agreements that will further define the present text. Since they will not be completed until late summer or early au-tumn, the implementing legislation will not appear until then — although the Clinton administration promised to get it enacted by the end of the year.

The most intricate and sensitive of these agreements will cover environmental pro-

Among Americans, the rising doubts and tection. On one side will be the people who regard trade as essentially an intrusion and a threat to high American standards. On the other are those who argue, correctly, that environmental rules are increasingly going to have to be applied worldwide to be effective, and that trade agreements provide one of the better ways to give them international reach. It will be partly about the Mexican border but mostly about American attitudes toward the rest of the world.

Until now the administration's defense of the trade agreement has been limited to arithmetic — the calculations showing that it will create twice as many jobs in the United States as it will threaten. That is true, but there is a lot more to it. All the jobs lost and gained would be a small fraction of the million or so jobs that the American economy needs to generate every year just to keep pace with the growth of its own population. Creating those jobs is going to require steadily expanding export markets under steadily expanding trade agreements, not only with Mexico.

Getting richer will require trading more widely with countries, like Mexico, that trade is turning into richer and more stable markets. It is time for President Clinton and his administration to begin making a serious case for this exceedingly serious proposition. His opponents have been busy, playing on an uncharacteristic mood of hesitation and uncertainty that seems to have touched the country. If Mr. Clinton waits to respond until next fall, when his trade agreement legislation finally appears, he may be too late.

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The Energy Tax Fight

The rule in every tax fight, Russell Long used to say, was: "Don't tax you, don't tax me, tax the fellow behind the tree." It's still the rule; the latest example is the emerging opposition to President Bill Clinton's proposed energy tax. The manufacturers, farmers, energy producers and others opposed make the usual arguments: The increased cost will reduce their ability to compete and to provide employment. The problem for them and their allies on the tax committees is to come up with an alternative (a) that will reduce the deficit by the same amount with no worse side effects, and (b) that can pass.

Some of the people most opposed to the energy tax are also, to hear them tell it, hugely offended by the deficits that the government continues to run, which they call irresponsible. But about a fourth of the revenue that Mr. Clinton would raise to reduce the deficit is to come from the energy tax. How would the energy tax opponents reduce the deficit instead? A value-added tax is what some suggest,

in effect a federal sales tax spread across almost all goods and services instead of just an excise tax on energy. But when a VAT is proposed — when there is even a hint that one might be — there is an even greater him to ease up, you understand, but what political stir, some of it among the same about over there, behind the tree? people who don't want the tax on energy, either. It seems to us to be one of those perfect circles in which the next tax is always better than the one at hand -until, of course, the next tax is proposed, at which point it becomes the ill-advised alternative and still another becomes the one toward which the society should point.

The VAT would also lack the healthy deterrent effect that an energy tax would likely have on energy consumption. One of the opposition groups styles itself the cham-pion of "affordable" energy when in fact the problem with energy in America is that it is too affordable. The price is extremely low by world standards, and it encourages waste.

Republicans opposed to the energy tax say the alternative is not some other tax increase but more spending cuts than the president has proposed. But then comes the hard part of saying which spending cuts a question the Republicans have choked on for 12 years now.

A third course would be to abandon the budget resolution that Congress adopted at the president's behest last month and let the deficit head where it may. You wonder which party or interest groups in pursuit of their programmatic or political objectives want to be responsible for that.

President Clinton is accused by one school of critics of having tried so hard not to offend that he ducked the hard choices in drawing up his budget. Now some of the same accusers say that the choice he did make was too hard. It is not that they want

A broad-based energy tax is a sound idea. We know what the people opposed to it are against. The question is what they - the resisting interest groups, the Republicans, the Congress generally — are for. Theirs is a greater burden of fiscal and political respon-sibility than any of them has met thus far.

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They Aren't Shipshape

Why can't the United States Navy, a service of proud tradition, conduct credible inquiries when things go wrong in the ranks? That question is raised anew by the latest botched investigation — into the murder of a homosexual sailor by a shipmate near a base in Japan.

At one level, the latest case suggests a navy unwilling or unable to deal forthrightly with an issue of homosexuality in the service. But the problem is more pervasive. The navy has also bungled investigations in recent years of sexual harassment of women in the Tailhook scandal, of the gunpowder explosion that killed 47 sailors on the battleship Iowa, and of possible security breaches at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

Allen Schindler, a 22-year-old radioman aboard a ship stopping at Sasebo, Japan, had admitted his homosexuality to his commanding officer and was awaiting discharge last fall when he was battered to death in a public toilet. One shipmate pleaded guilty to murder and another received a light sentence after cooperating with investiga-tors. The case was mishandled in several respects. Although the navy was developing evidence that the killing was related to the sailor's homosexuality, officials notified the victim's mother that he had simply fallen on his head during a fight. Such lying cannot be countenanced — whether the motive was humane, as the navy suggests, or an attempt to mute possible criticism.

Later, officials also began to worry that the seaman who was treated leniently may have been more of a participant than previ-ously understood. That kind of error, if error it was, sometimes happens in otherwise competent investigations. But what about the overarching error: the navy's cover-up of the nature of the killing until friends of Mr. Schindler blew the whistle in a letter to the Pacific Stars and Stripes? It raises troublesome questions about just how hard the navy would have investigated and prosecuted the case without pressure from outside.

At least three earlier investigations left the navy red-faced. There was Tailhook, the scandal of sexual misconduct at a naval pilots' convention that took three investigations before a code of protective silence gave way to a code of military law. That case was only cracked open after the investigation was passed beyond the navy to the Inspector General's Office at the Defense Department.

Before that was battleship Iowa, the battleship whose mysterious explosion the navy tried to pin on one dead gunner's mate only to have subsequent investigations show that the accusation was based on wild speculation. And before that there was the hyped investigation of security breaches at the embassy in Moscow, which wrongly suggested that Marine Corps guards had let Soviet agents into the most secret places in the embassy.

Each fumbled inquiry may have exposed a different navy foible. Tailhook exposed a service unwilling to part with a macho creed. The Iowa betrayed an ingrained need to fix blame even if the facts could not be bent to support the judgment. The murder in Japan exposes the navy's defensive refusal to confront its failures in protecting homosexuals from brutal harassment.

The repeated bungling suggests a system-ic problem in the Naval Investigative Service — and a management failure at the highest levels. The secretary of the navy and the top admirals are ultimately responsible for ensuring the quality and fairness of investigations, but there is more involved here. The secretary and the officers need to fulfill their duties as custodians of a proud reputation. The record calls for a thorough reform of management practices and a top-to-bottom review of training about duty and accountability.

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Stay Out Of War In Bosnia

By Richard Reeves

OS ANGELES - "They want a orce of American troops," said President John Kennedy to one of his aides at the end of 1961. "They say it's necessary ... But the troops will march in, the bands will play, the crowds will cheer, and in four days everyone will have forgotten. Then we will be told we have to send in more troops. It's like taking a drink. The effect wears off, and you have to take another."

Unfortunately, Mr. Kennedy did not follow his own advice in South Vietnam. Foolishly or cynically, he did send troops in — 17,000 or so — and when that did not help, his administration worked to overthrow Washington's man in Saigon, President Ngo Dinh Diem, to get a military government more inclined to follow American orders.

Fifty-five thousand dead Americans and hundreds of thousands of dead Vietnamese later, America had accomplished little more than destroying its own political credibility, probably prolonging the Cold War for 10 or 15 years beyond its time. Driving into Ho Chi Minh City (still Saigon in my head) a couple of

years ago, through waves of Vietnamese on bicycles and mopeds, my first thought was: Whatever possessed us to think we could run this place? I thought the same thing about war in Iraq: Ten years from now, a hundred years, a thousand, the same people will be sitting on the same land. It now seems, according to the U.S. Air Force, that U.S. forces did

not destroy a single mobile Scud missile launcher in Iraq. It is worth remembering that, and also that the mountains of Yugoslavia are more difficult military terrain than the deserts of Iraq - plus, conventional artillery is a lot easier to move The Gulf War proved nothing

WASHINGTON—The question is not whether the United States would get stuck in a Balkan Vietnam. Serbian fighters are so pathetic

that they could be swept away in a matter of months. The real question is: Can the West re-

main engaged for decades, if needed, to restore Balkan stability? Every year, in a worst case, Western forces would have hundreds of casual-

ties; in a best case perhaps dozens.

President Bill Clinton is still on a steep learning

curve. During the election campaign the issue was a convenient way to attack President George Bush.

During the transition nobody was organized to do

anything. Soon the cabinet was split, the National Security Council and Vice President Al Gore favoring a more activist policy, Defense Secretary Les Aspin staying more neutral (as the Joint Chiefs

behind him actively opposed intervention), and Secretary of State Warren Christopher warily

more than that a president may not control events but he has the great power to control the first interpretations of those events. In their homelands, people cannot be subdued by outsiders, which is a

fundamental argument for staying out of other people's civil wars. Ask the Germans, who could never quite manage to subdue Serbia and Cro-atia during World War II. Unfortunately, there is no way that

America can do it, either. Bill Clinton is right about Bosnia. The United States should do something about this. But it can't. There may have been a time many months ago when it could have checked Balkan savagery — by not being so willing to recog-nize new countries inside the old

Communist empire, new countries unable to support or defend themselves; or by using force and pressur-ing Serbia earlier in this rotten game. President Clinton should listen to

President Kennedy's words and learn from his mistakes in ignoring them. One of the similarities between the two young presidents has been their fear of being called soft — which made them desperate to be seen as tough. Mr. Kennedy, although a war hero himself, was afraid to be accused of not being tough enough on communism, so he moved into Vietnam. Mr. Clinton, who dodged the war Mr. Kennedy

started, is afraid to be called chicken. Both presidents suffered from the overzealous anti-communism of the

Cold War. All of the Balkans and the Baltics and the rest of Eastern Europe was called "captive nations" for

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more than 30 years by American politicians. In Western Europe, where people knew a bit more about the true history of their time and places, leaders were not unhappy about the fact that the Soviet Union and the Red Army were subduing old hatreds and old killing to the East. It is too late to change that history.

The killing has begun and the United States can't stop it, it can only join it. Unless Mr. Clinton has the guts to be called chicken, he will destroy himself and make the United States itself into a captive nation -captive to its own kind of innocence.

Department desk officers for Balkan countries had sent Mr. Christopher a letter dissenting from U.S. policy, an extraordinary act.

By the end of April many more Americans seemed to realize that the Serbs were the bad guys and the negotiating process was going nowhere. Arguably, education drove public change. As pres-

sure built, the press made plain that it would chroni-cle in excruciating detail the president's abandon-ment of the Bosmans, if that were to happen.

Mr. Clinton's next step is critical. He must not only decide for himself whether to undertake mili-

tary operations, he must explain his decision to the

American public. They expect more than half-measures, although they may accept a return to the Bush strategy of doing nothing. One can only hope that

of force. It would be better to say nothing at all.

- pl veeds Was First, Please Let Him Do Something &

By Edwin M. Yoder Jr.

WASHINGTON — The late editor in chief of Time Inc. Hed ley Donovan, a princely man and a keen student of American government, used to call it the hows. the-president-doing question"; the interminable blather of pollsters and pundits monitoring the stand ing of a president.

The monitoring of Bill Clinton

seems even more obsessive than usu-al. After just over 100 days in office he's been up and down like a yo-yo.

The whole exercise exaggerates the impact of presidential leadership, as-

if American government were a solo act. When President Bill Clinton him self recently confessed to a lack of focus, he doubtless meant that his agenda for economic growth had almost slipped from sight, his and ours. He complained to Tom Brokaw of NBC the other night that the noisybattle with the Senate Republicans over the \$16 billion stimulus package. — small potatoes by any objective measure — eclipsed the triumphant passage of his big economic plan in the first budget resolution.

He has things to learn about the irresoluteness of budget resolutions, but he has a point. Yet Mr. Clinton like all recent presidents, is a prisoner of television, the "electronic Mephistopheles," as Godfrey Hodgson has called it. A president bargains away power to glamorize him beyond mere mortality. He overlooks its equal power to break, rapidly and ciously, as well.

The best that can be said for Americans' way of evaluating presidencies today is that it is absurdly whimsical, subjective and standardly

subjective and standardless.

What do we mean by the "how's the-president-doing question"? What would success consist of? Let us assume that a fair and appropriate standard for Mr. Chitton would be a performance rivaling two Democratic predecessors he greatly admires, now considered paragons of success — Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy. (It would be fashionable to include Harry Truman, who is now properly viewed as great in his way. But the detractors declaring Mr. Clinton an early failure would almost certainly have been among those who scorned Mr. Tru among those who scorned Mr. Tru-man in his time, sent his Gallup Polls almost down to single digit range, and quippied, "to err is Truman.")

It is long forgotten that even

Franklin Roosevelt groped his way from classical budget-balancing to involuntary deficit-spending, never seeing the latter as an advantage in hard times, even when the great econ-omist John Maynard Keynes in a famous interview tried to explain why he should.

FDR's policies produced no miracie, not even a solid recovery. Uncomployment hung high until the war-time spending kicked in. By insisting that Social Security be financed by regressive payroll taxes, Roosevelt helped about the modest recovery of 1936 and made the 1937 recession a factor in the licking the Republicans handed him in the off-year elections of 1932 Vot Recently the result of the recently the result of the recent of the recently the result of the recent of the recently the result of the recently the recen of 1938. Yet Roosevelt was wildly. popular, except among the Republi-can fat cats. People thought he was

trying and was on their side. It is also forgotten that President Kennedy and his ace economic advis-er, Walter Heller, had an easy act to follow. Under the ministrations of the ultraconservative George Humphrey, Dwight Eisenhower's Treasury secretary and most influential economic adviser, the U.S. economy by 1961 was woefully understimulated and slack with unused capacity.

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The structural problems that plague us today weren't even on the horizon Yet Mr. Kennedy was widely regarded as a failure; and many agreed when the publisher of the Dallas Times Herald pompously told him to his face, at a White House editors briefing, that the country thought he was "riding Caroline's tricycle." Those of us who recall the histori-

cal precedents wonder just what standards of performance, after a mere three months, Bill Clinton is being implicitly held to. Franklin Roose

veit's? John Kennedy's? Whose? Probably none of the above —only the subjective impressions of the moment. Thus the only sane course for a president is to govern steadily, in ac-cordance with enduring national values, to ignore the caprices of the media and to pray that ordinary people a will, as usual, be wiser than the blath-ering blowhards who think they know better than presidents how presidents are doing

Washington Post Writers Group.

President Clinton urging action. On April 22, the Holocaust Museum opened in Washington and Elie Wiesel told the president that The writer, a consultant to the Carnegie Endowagainst open-ended commitments. The media kept the issue alive. During the next three months events overtook the administration's ment for International Peace, is a former State Department desk officer for Yugoslavia who resigned on Aug. 25 in protest against U.S. policy. He contributed this comment to The Washington Post. something must be done about the bloodshed in the former Yugoslavia. On April 23, The New York Times reported that the "dirty dozen" State ability to respond. A camp for mass rape made

It Isn't Vietnam, but the Job Would Take Time to Do

By George Kenney

February; U.S. air drops in March. In mid-March, the United Nations commander Philippe Morillon heroically pledged his support to Srebrenica as Ser-bian atrocities there shocked Western publics.

Srebrenica became a turning point for the inter-national community, which moved in April to begin enforcing a no-flight zone. Margaret Thatch-

re attacked Western governments as "accomplices to a massacre." On April 15, Senator Joseph Biden, leading the Senate on this crisis, issued a statement declaring that Belgrade was definitely backing the Bosnian Serbs, and Senator Bob Dole pushed for an ultimatum that Serb forces withdraw from

rebrenica. On April 21, Representative Frank

McCloskey gathered 47 signatures for a letter to

Europe: The Community Needs Danes to Vote 'No'

By Christoph Bertram

HAMBURG — Most people who want the European Community to succeed pray that the Danes will vote next Tuesday in favor of the Maastricht treaty. I hope they will reject it precisely because I want the

Community to succeed.

With Danish ratification, the
Maastricht vision of a Europe pro-

New applicants will insist that Danish exceptions apply to them as well.

gressively uniting not only its mar-kets but its policies will be dead. When a small majority of Danes voted "no" to Maastricht last June, the other 11 member governments, determined to salvage the exercise, bent over backward to grant Denmark a special position: to be in the Community, but not of it.

of human rights activists and political dissidents, seem to be trapped between Bill Clinton and Fidel

Castro. The Cuban government

seizes any excuse to delay reforms that will carry Cuba toward de-

mocracy and prosperity, while

Washington is wed to an obsolete

and counterproductive policy to-ward Cuba that provides all the

much of the world.

U.S. policy seems nonsensical to

In November the United Nations

called on the United States to lift its

embargo against Cuba. Only Ro-mania and Israel voted with Wash-

ington. And while a UN human

rights report earlier this year cor-

rectly criticized Cuba for violations, it also criticized the United

States for a policy that worsens the

The Cuban government needs to

open up the country's political sys-

tem and its economy, which, since Cuba lost its principal trade part-

ner when the Soviet Union col-

lapsed, has shrunk by 40 percent.

To rescue the economy the gov-

ernment should allow more private

initiative and foreign investment.

Peaceful political dissidents have

consistently called on it to do just

that - and have often been beaten

and jailed. It is a price we are

We have been frustrated in our

island's standard of living.

opt out of those arrangements that make it more than an economic proposition: monetary union and joint defense. Of course, these are not immediate but fairly remote objectives. But together they define the political purpose of European integration. As the result of the exceptions granted to Denmark, a "yes" vote on May 18 would leave the Danes sharing a Community of which they do not share the political purpose.

That would be bad enough if the

Twelve were to stay as they are - the club of Western Europe. But they are about to invite new members: first the Scandinavian countries and Austria, later Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and perhaps other

countries further east and south. Although the present applicants have sworn that they will comply

Trapped Between Clinton and Castro

HAVANA — Cubans, including the island's small group

By Rolando Prats Paez

the country can survive at a subsistence level for a very long time.

efforts not only by our own govern-ment but by successive administra-tions in Washington. No govern-

ment is likely to relax internal

discipline and undertake liberaliz-

ing reforms just when a vastly more

powerful neighbor has increased ef-

forts to isolate it, starve it out and

bring about its overthrow.

Yet, lamentably, with the pas-

sage of the so-called Torricelli leg-

islation, which prohibits foreign subsidiaries of American compa-nies from doing business in Cuba and bars ships that stop in Cuba

from U.S. ports for the following

six months. Washington has tight-

In the past, Cuban human rights

activists understood the strategic

concerns behind Washington's hard

line. But the Cold War is over and

those worries are no longer relevant. Paradoxically, the Washington line has become even harder, giving

the state security officers more ex-

cuses to repress dissidents, impos-

ing new hardships on the people by

suffocating the economy and stiff-

ening the obstinacy of the Castro

this policy? Perhaps because it be-

lieves the predictions that the Cu-

ban government will soon fall. If

so, it is miscalculating. The eco-

nomic crisis in Cuba is acute, but New York Times.

Why does Washington pursue

ened the screws.

Copenhagen would stay in the fully with all aspects of Maastricht, Common Market but be allowed to that is no more than wishful thinkthat is no more than wishful thinking. As governments face uphill bat-

tles within each country to gain acceptance of an accession agreement, they will insist in turn that the Danish exceptions apply to them, too. What might have been an isolated case would thus become the norm for newcomers and, sooner or later, for all members of the Community. If the Danes vote "yes" they will denude not only their own member-

ship of political purpose but gradually do the same to the whole club. For those who want to retain this political purpose, Danish support for an emasculated Maastricht is therefore undesirable. But would Danish rejection not be

even less desirable, throwing the whole exercise into limbo? I think not. For if anything can, this would finally jolt the rest of the Communi-

Meanwhile, the repressive appa-

ratus is strong enough to curb rising discontent. And although Cubans

want change, they want a peaceful transition, not bloodshed.

cracy, human rights activists in Cuba have long called on the Unit-

ed States to negotiate on its differ-ences with the Cuban government, lift at least parts of the embargo

and, by doing so, bring about a climate in which our leaders are

We had little hope that the Re-

publican administrations of the last 12 years would listen to us,

and they did not. They preferred to listen to a small group of ultra-conservative exiles in Miami who

neither represent the majority of

the Cuban-Americans nor speak

for the almost 11 million people on

the island. Although Mr. Clinton's

deference to Miami's leading far-

right Cuban, Jorge Mas Canosa,

during the presidential campaign

was troubling, we still hold out hope that the new administration

It is time for the United States

to change its policy so as to help,

The writer, a leader of the Social

Democratic Movement in Cuba, contributed this comment to The

rather than thwart, our struggle.

will be different.

more likely to initiate reforms.

To begin the journey to demo-

ty, first and foremost France and Germany, into action.

They would then, hopefully, form

a core group within the Community of nations willing to implemen those Maastricht objectives that Danes and others seem to find so difficult to endorse: common procedures and concepts for foreign policy, defense and monetary affairs. Of course, this is a gamble. But what is the alternative? Once "Den-

markization" spreads, under cover of Maastricht, it will be much more difficult for those countries that believe in further integration to resist the tide. They will drift along with it. The most promising way to fight Denmarkization is not to dilute European principles to accommodate the Danes but to uphold them de-

spite the Danes.

The future of Europe, after all, will be determined not by the number of signatures on the Maastricht accord but by the commitments made by those who sign.

That is why I hope that on Tuesday a majority of Danish voters will

decide against a Maastricht agreement that has been denatured to win their support. Although they may not realize it, by saying "no" the Danes would be doing a service to the European cause. The writer is diplomatic correspon-

dent for the German weekly Die Zeit. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Protest in Madrid MADRID - The Congress has been

sitting continuously for thirty-two hours, and will sit until midnight Saturday [May 13]. The Ministers and members have slept and eaten their meals in the House. The 20 Republi-cans and 8 Carlists are determined to obstruct the Bill empowering the Government to put off the municipal elections from Sunday, the legal date, until December. The Republicans are excited as the Public Prosecutor has ordered the seizure of two of the principal Republican papers.

1918: German Reversal

PARIS — The Bois de la Gaune, south-west of Mailly-Raineval, on the Amiens front, was the scene yesterday [May 11] of another severe reverse for the Germans. Storm troops were used in a furious attack on the wood, and at first the Germans made some progress. They did not, however, long hold their ground.

In a brilliant counter-attack the French hurled the enemy back and completely restored their line, after inflicting extremely heavy losses.

1943: Churchill in U.S.

edition:] Prime Minister Winston Churchill's arrival in Washington for his fifth meeting with President Roosevelt since August, 1941, was announced tonight [May 11] even as the radio was airing an Axis report that Mr. Churchill was in Cairo. Stephen R. Early, the White House Press Secretary, said: "Prime Minister Winston Churchill has arrived in Washington. He was met by the President and will be the President's guest for the duration of his visit. Mr. Churchill was accompanied by a staif of experts, military and naval." It is probable that Mr. Charchill and Mr. Roosevelt will do a great deal of planning about what should be done next to help Russia and China smash the Axis in Europe and Asis.

Harry Harm

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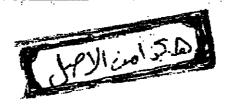
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OPINION

Israel Needs 'Walls' for Its Defense

N EW YORK — Judging by journalistic and diplomatic attention to their views, nearly half the Jews of strael have vanished, snap. They are the voters who refused to support Labor and other parties in the coalition that now runs the country with a thin

parliamentary majority.

Labor was fully entitled by the 1992 election to change Israeli strategy and

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set its fast pace toward the goal of peace for land. And to the victor go the op-ed pages. Also the news columns, talk shows and diplomatic embraces.

But not always. The previous, Likud government turned national political power into international propaganda deback, and made the Labor opposition the favorite of foreign journalism and diplomacy. In part this was accom-plished by Likud's ineptitude, and the fact that the writing class in Israel, tad abroad, favors Labor.

And of course Bushbaker's vivid enmity toward Likud helped. So did the tendency of Western journalism to see the 150 million Arabs as the underdog to Israel's 4.1 million Jews. This perception is encouraged by Arabiss in Western foreign offices, who outnumber pro-Is-raelis in roughly the same proportion. So while Labor gets the attention it won, journalism and diplomacy seem unable to consider the arguments of the present opposition that exchanging land for promises of Arab good conduct is to the interest neither of peace, nor of Isra-el nor of the West, which may again By A. M. Rosenthal

discover common security interest with Israel, but perhaps too late. Israel is the name, not Lazarus.

But in a new book Benjamin Netan-yahu, Likud's new leader, makes it difficult to pass over those arguments without paying attention.

Readers of "A Place Among Nations" will agree or disagree with him. But without reading it, people seriously in-terested in the Middle East will remain intellectual bystanders, ducking the historic discourse it forces open.

Mr. Netanyahu sees the defense of Israel as possible only within the "walls" of time and space that the Golan Heights and the high ground of the West Bank provide. Nothing he says, is as important to Israel as a good mountaintop — and few things as dangerous as the creation of still another Arab state, this one smack within Israeli defense boundaries already only a few minutes wide,

If that means living with the rifle, Mr. Netanyahu plainly sees it as the choice to lying dead beside it. The decision on its peace strategy is

Israel's. But the bulk of the book is not about the "peace process" but an impor-tant analysis of the myths, distortions and lies that created and sustained almost a century of warfare - first against the dream of a Jewish homeland and then the state itself.

When Israel dated survive four military wars and never-ending religious, political and economic warfare, this same propaganda structure was used to turn Israel from small hero to huge villain, one of the great propaganda tri-

Point by point he dissects the mythology now so casually accepted in the Vest. There was no separate Palestinian Arab identity that was smothered by the Jews - Arabs knew of no such thing until they invented it.

The existence of Israel is not the central cause of Middle East problems that honor goes to the wars and terrorism among the Muslim dictatorships. Neither Israel's nationhood nor its military victories created Arab hatred st Jews — the Grand Mufti, Yasser Arafat's hero, begged Hitler for his very own Holocaust against Jews.

And no guif about the goal of Israel's destruction divides the Palestine Liberation Organization and various fundamentalists - mostly tactics. Should Is-rael be eliminated in one phase, or two? Mr. Netanyahu, who could be Israel's next prime minister, believes that Israel can survive only through peace by deter-rence, as it has all the years of its life— unless and until real political freedoms come to the Arab Middle East.

Only those liberties can in time dilute the power of Arab dictators to make war at will against Israel, each other, or any Western target of their choice. Strange - the West says hardly a

word to push for democracy in the Arab lands, the one place in the world where it is so peculiarly mute. Mr. Netanyahu wonders why that is so. Perhaps some-body in Washington could tell him and the rest of us.

The New York Times

way American medicine has changed. One grandfather, Henry Critchfield, started out as a medical apprentice to an established doctor in MEANWHILE

been there before.

Ohio before earning one of the first medical degrees given by the University of Minnesota. In 1886, 10 years after the battle of Little Bighorn, he set up practice in a North Dakota prairie town. Few pa-

BERKELEY, California — The real challenge in reforming health care, Hillary Rodham Clinton says, is to find a way to substitute "caring, concern

and love" for regulation and bureaucracy. It's as old as the Hippocratic oath of professional ethics. We've

My father and both grandfathers were doctors.

A look at their practices says something about the

tients came in, saying that at 25 he was too young.

Then one day he stopped some men from shooting
a stray dog that had broken its leg; he put a splint on it. Once people saw the dog running about, mean and frisky as ever, they came, and not just for treatment. Like most country doctors in those days, Grandfather was soon sought for advice on crops and land

disputes and how to invest money.
The hardy Dakota settlers didn't turn to the doctor until they were at death's door. Grandfather got mustangs off the range and drove them hard. A parient's farm might be miles from town. If a doctor didn't get there in time it was all over but the burial. Grandfather knew how to set bones, sew up cuts, deliver babies and open boils. But not much else. Few therapeutic drugs existed. The specialist, the laboratory, the clinic and the modern hospital were all in the future. His horsemanship did him in. Cutting across open prairie one spring, he bogged down in a slough, waded in to unhitch his panicked

On the Prairie, Hippocrates Meant Something By Richard Critchfield

> team, got soaked, caught pneumonia, and died at 43. In 1882, Hadwen Williams, my other grandfather, graduated from the University of Iowa Medical Department. He, too, began his practice among farmers. One of his first cases was at a farm 8 miles away. It was the dead of winter; the temperature fell to 20 below (30 below centigrade) some days. He wrote in his diary: "I was called to see Mr. Peet last night between 11 and midnight. He was suffering from a severe hemorrhage of the lungs. Had snother at 8 A.M. this morning and 2 P.M. this afternoon. Had Dr. Blakeslee from Anamosa in for consulta-

> tion. Am staying with Mr. Peet all the time.
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> "April 10 — Am still staying with Mr. Peet at his farm. He had one hemorrhage at 4 P.M. and one at 7 P.M. He is very much alarmed & has given up all hope.
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> "April 11 — Am still here & no prospect of getting away. He does not want me to leave, Jessie drove home alone today." Jessie, my grandmother, adds in the diary: "I'm so lonesome and tired of living alone I can hardly stand it." Hadwen goes on: "April 13 — Am still holding the fort ..." And so it goes the rest of April until the patient makes a supprising recovery. His story ends: "J. C. Peet paid his bill today, \$78.85.

> This is the largest bill I ever received at once." In 1899, Hadwen became a Methodist. He hoped to become a minister and go to China. But once ordained, he spent most of the rest of his life preaching in small lowa towns. He did not return to his old profession until the influenza epidemic of 1918-19. Doctors were exhausted, more than 548,000 people were to die and millions to fall ill, and Grandfather went about the countryside, bathing the sick, changing filthy beds, chopping wood, trying to arrange

help for the suffering, especially for Germans, whom people had turned against. He survived the flu but ruined his health. He died nine years later.

My father finished medical school at Minnesota in 1922. Like his father before him, he went out to practice in North Dakota prairie towns. As one of his patients, G. L. Olson, 96 when I talked to him in 1982, told me: "Doctors back in those days, they worked a little too hard, you know. They'd come in worked a little too hard, you know. They'd come in and have to go way out again to Wellsburg or some place. That's six hours by sleigh. Just to see one patient. That's a long, cold nide over the prairie in winter. You bet, Kitchen surgery and childbirth, you

know. They didn't bring 'em in like they do now."
Father had a Model T. But he used a horse and buggy in winter. One old farmer recalled running a pitchfork through his hand. "Doc, he ran a swab down that hole and it hurt pretty bad. When I asked if I could still pitch, you know, go ahead and finish the day, he laughed and said: 'Sure can. It won't hurt me a bit.' One time when my brother broke his leg. Doc, he come out and wanted to take him to Minot so a bone specialist could work on the leg. Doc had a pint of Four Roses and he told my brother to drink it all right down, Boy, did he pass out!"

all right down, stoy, did he pass out!"

My brother remembers when a woman who had been scalped came to the house. "I don't know who went after Father," he says. "I guess maybe I did. More likely I was fainting or vomiting because it was really something. It was night and this lady was in the back seat. And they hit something and she went up in the air and the steel arch that held up the canvas roof hit her head and made an absolutely neat line just at her hairline and folded her hair back. Then Father came and cleaned it all up and put it back down and he stitched right across the hairline and the lady hardly had any scars afterwards. He

didn't seem nervous. He was a good doctor."

Later, when my father drank himself to death, my mother told us: "He was a wonderful doctor. He was always on call, 24 hours a day. He always did every-thing. He had some terrible cases. Footlings. Malposition of twins. He never lost a mother, never lost a baby." In our family, I suppose, the Hippocratic oath was just part of growing up. I think the Depression did Father in. He loved the prairie, but with a wife and five children to support, we had to move to Fargo in 1932. For Father it was a mistake. For a time he was the county doctor, looking after the homeless, Fargo's 700 welfare families and a 75-bed hospital out at what people called the Poor Farm.

In 1983 I spoke to E. Louise Gronluid, who had here Father's purse for a time 50 years earlier.

been Father's nurse for a time 50 years earlier.
"I know he drank," she said. "Maybe he found his work too depressing. He was the only doctor for all those people. It was terribly hard. Grim. Then, Dr. Critchfield just missed the big change in medicine. Sulfa came in about 1938. It was the first time we well, had a consthing that out of the could enter head a new thing that out of the could enter head a new thing that out of the could enter head a new thing that out of the could enter head a new thing that out of the could enter head a new thing that out of the could enter head a new thing that out of the could enter head a new thing that out of the could enter head a new thing that out of the could enter the really had something that could snatch people away

from death's door. "But the old-time country doctor supplied some-thing people needed, too. He was part of the community, the family. He was who you went to for every-thing. It's a cold, cold situation for a sick person when they look into a doctor's eyes and only see dollar signs. You talk about the milk of human kindness. Some of the old-time doctors really had it." None of the three, as far as I can tell, really gave two hoots about money. It was doing their best at

their profession that mattered, what Hillary Clinton might call "concern." The writer, a specialist in Third World village life, recounted his ancestors' experiences in America in "Those Days," a family memoir. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pragmatism vs. Fashion

Regarding "Lots of Fuzzy Feminist Thought in Silly Books" (Meanwhile, April 28) by Katherine Knorr:

I very much enjoyed reading Ms. Knorr's article. It was refreshing to hear from someone who is not afraid to chal-

I am an American scientist with an academic appointment in the biophysics department at a Finnish university. Unlike American universities, where affirmative action prevails, Finnish universities operate strictly on an equal opportunity basis. In my department, 75 percent of the students are women, An even higher percentage of the program's

One cannot say that the women are smarter, but they certainly are willing to work harder. At present, three out of the four students doing research with me are women. My only criterion for participation in research is that they do good science in a timely fashion; that they get the job done.

I think that many of the so-called elite in American political and educational circles would prefer that people remained psychological slaves to the current fashionable preconceptions regarding race, ethnicity and gender.

I believe that we should give everyone as equal a start as possible with equal access to all opportunities and then let the cream rise to the top. Proportional representation, role models and self-esteem will not solve the problems in America's educational system.

LAWRENCE C. SELLIN. Espoo, Finland.

Reverse Harassment

Enough has been said about sexual harassment in the workplace. Hardly anything is said about women who use their sex appeal with male bosses for undue pay raises, promotions or job security. This gives them an unfair advantage over male colleagues who may be more qualified. There should be a law against giving such favors for personal gain in the workplace.

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The Struggle for Pakistan

President Ghulam Ishaq Khan of Paki-stan has imposed himself as an unelected, unwanted dictator, dismissing two elected governments in three years for corruption - of which he himself is guilty.

The newly dismissed prime minister, Nawaz Sharif, for all his faults, was the first leader whose economic reform programs had a fair chance of bringing Pakistan into the group of successful emerg-ing market economies. All this, as well as he process of institutionalizing democracy, has now been set back. All because of a power-hungry, unelected bureaucrat turned head of state.

Benazir Bhutto's role was disappointing too. She let a personal vendetta against Mr. Sharif overpower her professed respect for the democratic process. The question is: Will Pakistan have a fair election in 90 days? If not, it will become the laughingstock of the world. MALIK SARWAR.

Correction

A line was dropped in "The Special Time, With Baby" (Meanwhile, May 11). The passage should read: At close range, it is easy to see his features and idosyncracies, Sometimes I would stand at a distance and watch my father through the gauze of dim light.

Focusing Like a Laser on Medical Costs

N EW YORK — Like John Gagnon, who recounted his experiences with French medicine

By Lawrence Malkin each. In France, lasers have been centralized in fewer hospitals to cut costs, and medical fees for the on these pages on May 10, I had just arrived in the French countryside in the summer of 1986, when I found myself being taken one night by the local ambulance to the same Regional Medical Center in Tours. The ambulance came quickly after my wife called to report that I was

seeing spots and flashing lights.
Upon arrival my eyes were examined by a concerned and thoughtful intern. I was kept overnight, and the next day given laser treatment to canterize a retinal tear. This saved the sight of my right eye. I was back at my word

processor in a few days. Total cost of the efficient and no-questions-asked care (including a second zap of the laser a month later): \$400 at the prevailing exchange rate, about \$600 now.

The charge for a French patient would have been the same, through the self-financing state insurance system, with the same 20 percent deductible as my private American insurance.

retina, which it replaced. vate American insurance. And no self-respecting Ameri-Three years later I saw the same can hospital is without its own

while living in Washington and simpler procedure have been ne-was treated with the same kind-gotiated down through the muscle ness and proficiency by my oph-thalmologist, saving the sight of my left eye. His fee was \$1,300, and the hospital charged \$256.85 for use of the laser.

Like Professor Gagnon, I find it hard to believe that I would have been treated as well in America had I turned up cold with an undiagnosed ailment, I can make some less specula-

tive comparisons based on re-search I did later at the Brookings Institution. Medicare is the price leader for laser eye surgery in the United States because most patients of such eye care are elderly. Medicare officials told me they had been unable to resist the political pressure of ophthalmologists who argued that simpler, quicker laser surgery should cost just as much as the difficult \$1,500 operation for a detached

lights and spots in my left eye laser at a cost of at least \$100,000

Perhaps there is hope for a less ethnocentric view of medical care by the referees of America's national discourse.

of the state insurance system, passing savings to the public. So much for the myth that new

I wrote an article recounting all this in 1989, which eventually apeared in The New Republic. I

received letters from readers say-

ing, in effect, "Right on," and from a half-dozen doctors saying that I really didn't understand the

But I think I understood it all

too well, and I now wish that

Hillary Rodham Clinton would

study the experience of France

(or of Germany, where they have a slightly different and equally proven single-payer system), in-stead of depending on experts trying to concoct something called "managed competition"

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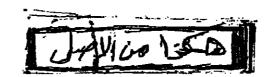
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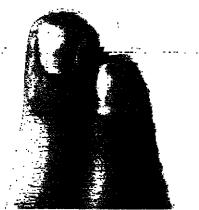
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Cannes: Show Must Go On Festival Seeks Glamour in Hard Times

By Joan Dupont

ANNES - The Cannes festival, which began 46 years ago, has to work hard to keep up a good, preferably alamorous face in difficult times. This year, the organizers have vowed to deliver romance, Hollywood-style, with a poster featuring Ingrid Bergman and Cary Grant poised for a kiss. But a festival reflects the state of the industry, and the program with its poster of deja-

vu stars, seems to sag in the middle.

Michael Douglas, Arnold
Schwarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone will flex their muscles once more for the American side, while films that confound Denenve on opening might and Isa- and enchant? the French count on Catherine Shelle Adjani on closing night.

Hollywood and the festival have

an old love-hate relationship; in recent years, the studios became gun-shy when movies with Jane Fonda and Tom Cruise took a trouncing by the press. When you have a film called "Cliffhanger," starring Stallone programmed out of competition, you know that risks are being curtailed. The movie is set for an AIDS benefit, which will presided over by Elizabeth Taylor. American films in competition include "Falling Down," which has already had a successful U. S. run, "Body Snatchers," a remake, and Steven Soderbergh's

To combat the lack of quality films, Gilles Jacob, the festival director, and his associates have had to spin and weave and find creative ways of spreading the talent. In a sort of fast-forward maneuver, the festival is promoting its bright alumni to a special section called The Masters, appropriate perhaps for Akira Kurosawa at 83, but Peter Greenaway? "The Baby of Macon," the latest from the 50-year-old director is being screened in

this noncompetitive section. Soderbergh, whose "sex, lies and videotape" was a surprise Palme d'Or in 1989, has been catapulted to the rank of graduate auteur, right up there with big league Europeans like André Techiné ("Ma Saison Preférée"), Ken Loach ("Raining Stones"), Paolo and Vittorio Taviani ("Fiorile"), and Wim Wenders ("Faraway, So Close," a sequel to "Wings of Desire"). The message in these risky times seems to be to honor the arts.

and hang on to your director, invite him back in different guises: he may be called to jury duty, like Emir Kusturica, or elevated to president, like Louis Malle; he may have a retrospective thrown in his honor, as will happen to Dino Risi, or even qualify for filmmakers heaven — the full-fledged tribute. François Truffaut and Rainer Werner Fassbinder are the subjects of necro-cinephilia this year. Truffaut has been deified for a long time, but Fassbinder, who used to stagger down the Croisette half-dressed, unshaven, and with a monu-mental bangover from too many

things to name, would get a kick out of the homage

Of today's younger generation, only Spike Lee and the fractious Lars Von Trier, sulk, stir things up. and insult the critics and jury. Where are the filmmakers who confound and enchant? And where are the films that will make waves? The answer this year may come from another part of the

world: New Zealand, Australia and Asia. New Zealander Jane Campion's crotic Gothic drama, "The Piano," Laurie McInnes's "Broken Highway," and Stephan Elliott's "Frauds" are Australian productions. Campion's film is much awaited: a strong and original filmmaker, she was discovered at the festival with "Sweetie" and then won at Venice with "An Angel at My Table."

Hou Hsiao-Hsien's "The Puppet Master" is based on the life of the puppeteer Li Tien-Lu, 84, who is treated as a national treasure in Taiwan. Hou, whose films have won awards in Berlin, Rotterdam and Vertice, is accompanied by Li and his puppets, along with an official delegation.

Chen Kaige, from China, is another formidable director. "Farewell to My Concubine" is about two
male actors from the Beijing Opera, linked in a complex sexual relationship. Leslie Cheung plays the concubine who falls in love with his co-star; Gong Li is his rival. It sounds like the kind of story that the Hollywood studios can't wait to snap up. — "M Butterfly" meets "The Crying Game" — Meanwhile, it's a hot ticket, bound to shake up this season's staid festivities.

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LONDON THEATER

Search and Destroy,' a Gritty Gangster Tale

By Sheridan Morley national Herald Tribun

ONDON - While dramatists at the Hampstead Theatre continue a series of plays about the perilous and freak street life of mban Canada, over at the Royal Court they have become obsessed with the similar dangers of Manhattan. As the main stage continues to offer Martin Crimp's scabrous "The Treatment," about how not to get your life turned over into a movie, at the Theatre Upstairs the Court's incoming director Stephen Daldry now presents Howard Korder's "Search and Destroy," essentially a contemporary gangater movie made into a studio drama. What these plays have in com-

mon is that they are written in a David Mamet tradition of short, sharp screenplays. Scenes fade or cross-fade into each oth overlaps, scenery is minimal, and both place and mood are those of a low-budget movie.

Except, of course, that we too are on the set. For "Search and Destroy," it consists of a bare stage with a flying roof, so that as the ropes tighten around the principal players, their space to maneuver can literally come down around their heads. The plot is at once complex and familiar. A small-time Florida showman tries to escape his debts by turning an evangelical self-help book into a movie. "Fear is gonna be very big in the '90s" and, out there on Willy Loman's smile and a shoeshine, he is prepared to deal with the fixers and fakers and fads that line his path on a nightmare journey into America's criminal underworld.

Korder's script veers all over the shop, but it has a gritty, urban strength somewhere halfway from Miller to Mamet. It's about the wheelers and dealers who have somehow come off their wheels.



Barbara Dryhurst in a scene from "Oktoberfest."

together in a fairground that Hor-

vath clearly saw as a metaphor for

Germany in both chaos and immi-

His central characters, Kasimir

and Karoline, are destroyed simply

because they cannot find work. As

and Daldry gets strong reservoirdog performances out of David Bamber and a tough, versatile cast. This is an impressive debut for di-

A co-operative (and I would imagine not-for-profit) venture at the Lyric Hammersmith Studio brings us the British premiere of Odon von Horvath's "Oktoberfest," and none too soon. Written in 1931, a few years before the dramatist was killed by a falling tree on the Champs-Elysées, it comes to us after 60 years fresh with a terrible topicality.

ly employed girls on the cheap, a freak show competes for custom, and somewhere in the background the cabaret singers of the time.

rector and author.

The setting, as the title would suggest, is the annual Munich beer festival: a zeppelin flies overhead wealthy businessmen pick up neware sounds of the hurdy-gurdy and

Hong Kong's Flashy Films Pursue Piece of U.S. Action

(Continued from page 1)

secret sort of thing. I love the acraphy. They're fun movies to see Mr. Stone saw his first Asian

films, mostly sword-and-sorcery epics, in the Orient during the mid-1960s and would later venture fre-quently to Chinatown theaters in quently to Chinatown theaters m New York. He has kept up with more recent titles on laserdisks. Mr. Stone isn't the only film-

maker impressed by the vigor of current Hong Kong films. Francis Ford Coppola, Martin Scorsese and Walter Hill reportedly are avid fans, along with younger talents Hong Kong is the capital of Jalike Sam Raimi and Quentin Tar-

Aside from their intended Asian audiences and highbrow film festival devotees. Hong Kong movies also attract the same cult-movie crowd that haunts comic-book conventions and subscribes to specialized publications like Psychotronic

"The underground is really where it started," says Tom Weisser, co-editor of the pocketsize (an magazine Asian Trash Cin-

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ema and owner of a small mailorder video service in Miami. "It's obvious that Hong Kong movies are getting more popular. Even Blockbuster Video is stocking copies of 'The Killer' now."

But not everyone is convinced that Hong Kong cinema is the Next Big Thing, "Hong Kong movies may do well on the two coasts of America," said the Asian box-office king Jackie Chan, "but it'll be hard to penetrate the average home, especially in the Midwest. They're just not exposed to the culture of Southeast Asia. I've met many Americans who ask me if

comes, if indeed it does, the underground fans who initiated the phenomenon may have moved on to more exotic offerings. "A lot of people who used to be really into Chinese movies are starting to look into other types of films now," said Mr. Weisser of Asian Trash Cinema, "weird stuff from places like

Turkey and Argentina." He pauses for a moment before asking earnestly, "Are you interest-ed in a mind-blowing version of 'Batman' made in the Philippines!"

Jeffrey Ressner, who covers the entertainment industry for Time magazine in Los Angeles, wrote this for The New York Times. allowed long enough on stage for us man, disrupting Verlaine's middle-truly to care about what befalls him class household with his verdicts or her, but the overall effect of ("De Musset? Slovenly, facile rubstrangers hurrying and scurrying bish. A poet for schoolboys and for comfort as the world falls apart women"), this remains a tough and around them is wonderfully sym-touching account for a doomed rebolized by the ever-turning stage lations, and by the contrast between the owed the haunting ballads of the singers and fred Douglas 20 years later. the sordid reality of those to whom the songs are sing. Once again, a marked a change in stage biograsmall, touring tringe company with phy, the coming of a kind of irrele-no visible means of support has phy, the coming of a kind of irrele-accepted the challenge of a script vant nonhistorical shorthand that small, touring fringe company with accepted the challenge of a script that ought to have been attempted by one of our subsidized companies mains here as powerful as ever.

In 1963, "Total Eclipse" was the play that established the reputation of the then 22-year-old Christopher Hampton, somewhat to the fury of the Royal Court; it first staged the play, but patently disapproved of its nonpolitical theme and subseant commercial success. As the current and very welcome Green wich revival shows, however, the play is highly political. It deals with the wreckage of Verlaine's middle-This, of course, is Isherwood class marriage by the subversive country, and it has to be said that and lusty Arthur Rimbaud, and it "Oktoberfest" is neither "I Am a also deals memorably with the art-Camera" nor "Cabaret." But in ists as happy outcasts of a material Kelvin Knight's agile production ist society. In Lisa Forrell's production, Greg Hicks is a powerfully tion, Greg Hicks is a powerfully tormented Verlaine and Oliver Milble) it does have a kind of fragment burn makes a stunning professional fascination. Social dropouts and misfits and millionaires are thrown

> True, the production is not all perfect. Weird little tableaux, only fairly vivants, are used during the scene changes in a ham-fisted attempt to give us a flavor of the 1870s in Paris, but so long as this remains a brisk black comedy, with Rimbaud, the original angry young

often in Horvath, no character is Dining Y

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Berlin Theater Fest at 30 Surviving Threats of Subsidy Cuts

It is little known

By John Rockwell

ERLIN - The Germans, with their Federal Republic, may not be as centralized as the French, but they are certainly efficient. Sparing critics and audiences the need to trainse around the country (and Austria and Germanspeaking Switzerland) in search of the best theater productions of the year, they have devised a Theater-treffen, or Theater Meeting.

For this annual festival, an impartial jury picks the best productions over the past year in the Germanspeaking world and brings them together during one three-week period in Berlin. Along with the festival performances there are all manner of readings of new plays and public discussions and special performances by other Berlin theaters, just to re-

main competitive. The Theater Meeting, which runs through May 20, is currently celeing into several Berlin theaters, the event attracts eager andiences, roughly half of them theater professionals of one are the control of them theater professionals of one are the control of them theater professionals of one are the control of t sionals of one sort or another and a third from outside Berlin.

early-fall Berlin Festival devoted primarily to music and dance — all these events are presented by the same umbrella organization, Berlin Festivals — the Theater Meeting is little known outside the German-

speaking world.
While the Theater Meeting is a remarkable event, allowing audiences to experience top-notch German theater, this year's festival was almost the last. "Over the decades, it has been to our advantage that

Berlin supported us along with Bonn," said Torsten Mass, director of the Berlin Festivals and for the last five years co-director of the Theater Meeting. "From year to year, Bonn always raised our budget and Bedin matched it," Mass went on. "But now Germany has economic problems, and as usual politicians want first to snip at culture. Bonn reduced all

theater support by 8 percent. We could live with that. But then Berlin said it had to cut, too, because Bonn had, and that would have been a real problem. "Fortunately, artists always complain. The Theater Meeting is a large prestige item for them; they scheme to be part of it every year. It wasn't intended to be this kind of Olympiad of the theater, but that's what it is for the artists themselves."

The upshot, Mass said, was that Berlin did not reduce its support, and Bonn, after threatening to end its subsidy next year, has now guaranteed continued assistance at this year's level.

The entire state and city subsidy comes to only about \$1.5 million; Mass called it "the most costefficient festival in the world." The money is spent on theater rentals in Berlin and transportation for the non-Berlin productions and for sending the nine jury members, all journalistic critics, foraging about central Europe in search of excellence.

Each member sees about 200 performances a year ip, one that eerily foreshadout of about 6,000 in the German-speaking world. This year, 250 productions were considered and 82 owed that of Oscar Wilde and Alwere chosen as semifinalists and seen by a majority of Hampton's "Total Eclipse" also the jury before the final 12 were selected.

This year, five of the 12 productions were staged originally by theaters from Berlin. Naturally, that reduces travel costs, but Mass insisted that the high number of Berlin productions had nothing to do with

"In 1991 we had six Berlin productions," he said. "Ever since the fall of the Wall, Berlin has become an imparalleled magnet for directors, designers and actors. All the artists want to come here. And whenever you have a theater with a new artistic director, you get a burst of good productions. Which is what happened in 1991 and 1993."

The big burst of energy this year came from the Volksbühne on the Ross-Luxemburg-Platz in the eastern part of the city, where the director Frank Castor's took over this season as artistic director. Castor's staging of "King Lear," an archetypally Germanic exercise in screaming, bloody excess that was really more about Caston's ideas about Germany (he's against it) than about Shakespeare, set the tone. (It was also full of a humor so leaden as to make the word

Another Volksbühne offering, by the Swiss director, amhor and composer Christoph Marthaler, had the uniranslatable title of "Murx den Europäer! Murx ihn! Murx ihn! Murx ihn! Murx ihn ab!" Murx seemed to be a play on Marx, and the two hours consisted of a numb-ing if occasionally droll study of German, especially East Germa

Unlike the midwinter Berlin Film Festival or the fatnities. Berlin is also represented by productions from the Berliner Ensemble, the Schambühne and the dance — all these events are presented by the Dentsches Theater, all of which have new directors. But the real scope of this festival can be seen in its attention to other cities and especially to the German provinces. This year there are offerings from Bochum, Bonn, Leipzig, Bremen and Heidelberg.

The star of the 1993 Theater Meeting, and emblem-atic of the direction Mass feels the festival is taking, is the young director Leander Haussn

Haussmann's Munich production of "Romeo and Juliet" opened the festival. The festival also includes another Haussmann Shakespeare staging, this time "A Midsuminer Night's Dream" from Weimar.

And the Schiller Theater in Berlin just happened to open yet another Haussmann production of a classic, Schiller's "Don Carlos," right before the Theater

Meeting began. Haussmann, to judge from "Romeo and Juliet," plays almost as loose with Shakespeare's text as Castorf does. But the mood is defiantly different; fanciful playful, sexy and even charming. Haussmann stretches for effects and has too many ideas for the good of any one play or production. But he is most definitely a

ASS boasted that a new generation of directors, those who succeeded the stern modernists of the post-1968 generation, has now been certified by the festival jury, ever an courant. But many of the productions on view still seem pretty grim and earnest and, yes

Of course, any jury is suspect, and this one's choices may not truly reflect the full range of theater in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

One senses a lingering prejudice, despite Haussmann's success, against post-modernist playfulness and unabashed scenic beauty, and some of the older directors may be slighted simply because their work is

Mass is used to such complaints. "Every year there is a controversy," he said happily. "Everybody who is not chosen considers it a scandal."

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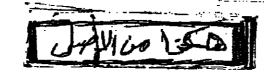
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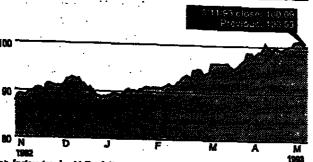
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The powest arrivals are Chanel and Sony. Chanel Inc., the U.S. unit of the Prench company, has introduced the English language version of Le Magazine de Chanel, a 162-page annual publication to be distributed free to customers of Chanel bouriques. The slick magazine carries advertisements for various Chanel products interspersed with

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Sony Corp. of America has begun distributing 500,000 copies of Sony Corp. or America uses begins distributing stocked copies of Sony Style, a 302-page magazine that it intends to publish twice a year. Articles about Sony products like cellular telephones and camcorders are inserrupted by advertisements for those products, and for Sony enterprises like "Last Action Hero," the Arnold Schwarzenesser film to be released June 18 by its Columbia Pictures unit.

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The main complaint about sponsored magazines is that they are another manifestation of the blurring line between advertising space and editorial content.

But Stephen Shepard, president of the American Society of Magazine Editors and editor in chief of Business Week magazine, said of these publications: "They seem to me like in-flight magazines, where you know what you're going. You don't expect to find an investigative report on surious safety in an in-flight magazine, so it's likely you won't find a report on The Myth of Beauty' in a Chanel magazine."

Hong Kong | Outlaws **Backdoor** Listings

HONG KONG — Hong Kong's securities market regulators said Tuesday they would crack down on backdoor listings to make sure mi-nority shareholders were protected,

The move, announced by the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong and the Securities and Futures Commission in a joint statement, follows a spate of takeovers of small listed Hong Kong companies by major Chinese state-owned companies in recent weeks.

The new controls effectively put China's business giants and those who work with them on notice to operate within Hong Kong's listing and takeover rules or face penalties.

If the securities commission determines that a controlling shareholder has received any undisclosed benefit not available to all shareholders, it will not hesitate to take the strongest action open to it under Hong Kong's takeover rules, said Ermanno Pascutto, deputy chairman of the commission.

This could mean that the parties concerned would be forced to compensate minority shareholders and that they would be denied future access to the Hong Kong stock mar-ket, Mr. Pascuno said. "In addition, merchant banks and other interme diaries involved in such serious breaches of the Takeovers Code would face loss of their licenses."

The head of the Hong Kong stock exchange's listing division, Herbert Hui, said injections of assets in a certain period following a takeover could lead to the company's being treated as a new applicant for listing or in its listing sta-

A backdoor listing occurs when an unlisted company buys control of a listed one and injects some of its assets into the new vehicle. In this way, the unlisted company can in effect become listed without going through the same checking process necessary for an initial public offer.

The method has been favored by amland Chinese companies since it was perfected by China International Trast & Investment Corp.

'Non' to Independence? **Bank of France Overhaul Falls Short**

BUSINESS

By Barry James
nternational Herold Tribune

PARIS - The government announced Tuesday its long-heralded plans to give the Bank of France a large measure of control over the nation's economic levers, but stopped short of saying it would become "independent" or "autonomous."

Neither word figured in the text of the bill containing the proposed statutes of the bank, which was made public by the finance minister, Edmond Al-phandery. Under the proposal, the government will continue to have the responsibility of establishing the parity of the franc against other currencies, while the bank will retain responsibility for managing all gold and currency reserves. Its main task will be to assure price stability.

In campaigning for the March legislative elections, which the center-right won by a landslide, the Union for French Democracy called for the bank to become independent, as required by the unratified Maastricht Treaty on European Union.

This concept has been opposed, however, by some members of the UDF's coalition partner, the Gaullist Rally for the Republic, and particularly by Philippe Seguin, the president of the National Assembly, who led the narrowly unsuccessful campaign against the Maastricht treaty in last year's referendum.

Prime Minister Edouard Balladur recently has used the word "autonomy," to refer to the bank, without being precise about what he means by this. Political and financial analysts

said the definition of the bank's status was certain to be a key subject in the National Assembly debate on the bill, which is expected to become law by the end

Under the current statutes, which date from 1973, the bank is described as "the institution

The bank's main task is to assure price stability.

which, within the context of the economic and financial policy of the nation, receives from the state the general mission of watching over money and credit. It contributes to the preparation and participates in the execution of the monetary policy decreed by the governmen

The proposed statutes change this essential definition to say that the bank "defines and puts into effect monetary policy with the aim of assuring the stability of prices. It accomplishes this mission within the context of the general policy of the government

Mr. Alphandéry said at a news conference that he would have preferred this to have been worded to state that the bank merely "takes into account" the govern-

ment's policy.
But he said the proposed statutes had to be worded in such a way as to conform with article 20 of the constitution, which establishes that "the government de-termines and carries out the policies of the nation." President François Mitterrand warned at a cabinet meeting on Monday that the independence of the bank would not be compatible with

the constitution. This question would not have arisen had the Maastricht treaty been ratified by all 12 EC members. The treaty states that the central banks of the EC states must become independent of political authority as a condition for setting up a European central bank. If ratified, the treaty would automatically have taken prece-

dence over national legislation. France was not obliged to strengthen the powers of its cen-tral bank until 1999 under the treaty, but Mr. Balladur brought the issue forward to emphasize the government's determination to maintain a strong franc.

France has already amended the constitution to permit transfer of sovereignty in monetary and financial affairs to a European central bank, but the amend-See FRANCE, Page 13

Japan Cites U.S. As Top Violater Of Trade Rules

By Paul Blustein

Washington Past Service TOKYO — Underlining its firm opposition to President Bill Clinton's harsh tone on trade, Japan issued a report Tuesday stating the United States violated more kinds of international trade rules than any of its other major trading partners. In its second annual Report on

Unfair Trade Policies, a panel of Japan's trade ministry sought to turn the tables, as it did in a report last year, on critics who decry Tokyo's perennially high trade surpluses and hard-to-penetrate markets.

Firing back at U.S. attacks on Japanese trade practices, Tokyo contended that in 12 categories of international trading rules, Washington was guilty of breaking nine, the European Community and South Korea six, Malaysia four and Indonesia and Thailand three. Australia, Canada, Singapore and Hong Kong were given relatively clean bills of health.

Release of the report is the latest in a series of events indicating Japan intends to be less willing than in the past to bend to foreign trade demands. "It's very rare for Japan to criticize other nations' prac-tices," said an official of the Ministry of International Trade and In-

Last year's report evoked a bar-

rage of hostility from foreign capi-tals, especially Washington, be-cause of its seeming obliviousness to Japan's mounting surplus and the numerous obstacles facing foreign companies operating here. This year's report seeks to defuse accessations of imbalance by in-cluding, as appendixes, critiques of Japanese trade from the U.S. trade representative, the EC Commission and the General Agreement on

Tariffs and Trade. "Although we do not agree with all of the arguments set forth in these documents," the panel stated, "we hope that including them will contribute to a discussion of the

The report reiterated many of the same points as last year's ver-sion. But it was notable for its detailed argument against "results-oriented" trade policies — the approach favored by the U.S. administration for prying open Japanese markets - and its advocacy of a "rule-based" system.

Whether to emphasize results or rules in trade is fast becoming the major issue between the two economic superpowers. Japan champions rules because its tariffs have been lowered and most of its formal trade barriers eased. The United States is demanding results — for See TRADE, Page 15

Fiat Enjoins Executives Against Bribery

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

Italy's corruption scandal, Fiat SpA on Tuesday became the first Italian company to issue a code of ethical conduct for its executives and manag-

ers since the scandal began over a year ago. The code, an extension of First's existing inhouse regulations, is said by Fiat executives to be been arrested or interrogated in connection modeled on those used by leading U.S. corpora- with the investigation into the systematic paytions. It forbids any of the company's 300,000 ment of bribes by business to politicians. employees to offer bribes of any kind - including sponsorships or consultancies — to public series of arrest warrants earlier this year against

terests "even if under illicit pressures."

the new code "will be dismissed from their jobs." The document, said to have been personally ROME — As it seeks to extricate itself from ordered by Chairman Gianni Agnelli, forms part of an unfolding strategy by the Turin auto giant to distance itself from the scandal, first by acknowledging its part in it and then by casting itself as a moral beacon for having done so.

Since February 1992, over 1,500 people have

Initially, Fiat hotly denied involvement. But a officials or politicians to promote corporate in- senior executives persuaded the company to erests "even if under illicit pressures."

think otherwise. These included the chief financial officer, Francesco Paolo Mattioli, who spent

38 days in jail; and the chief operating officer, Giorgio Garuzzo, who is under house arrest.

At a board meeting on April 13, Mr. Agnelli reportedly declared: "We should work to get out of this situation as soon as possible and give Fiat's contribution to the moral and economic reconstruction of the country.

Accordingly, the managing director, Cesare Romiti, volunteered last month to give testimony to the magistrates. He presented a 20-page dossier that, according to leaked versions of the text, promised full cooperation in exposing malpractices by Fiat managers to secure contracts for subsidiaries in construction projects, the Milan and Rome subway systems, the supply of buses and the public telephone system.

EC Warns U.S. On Unitary Tax Knight-Ridde

BRUSSELS — Christiane Scrivener, the EC tax commissioner, warned Tuesday the European Community would consider retaliation if the United States allowed states to tax multinational companies on their worldwide profits.

The Supreme Court is to rule next week on California's unitary tax system. Mrs. Scrivener said the EC would have "no other choice" than retaliation were the tax upheld.

Harley Is Stalled, But Not by Bikes

By John Holusha New York Times Service NEW YORK -- Harley-Daridson Inc., the only American maker of hig motorcycles, is roaring along. In the most re-cent quarter, operating earnings were ap 67 percent, to \$15.1 million, or 40 cents a share.

Harley's motorcycles, known to many devoted buyers as "hogs," are selling as fast as the company can make them, and overseas denand is going unstified as domestic dealers. satisfied as domestic dealers

howl for more vehicles. "If you walk into a Harley dealer and try to place an order, you will be told there is a waiting list of at least three months even if you don't care about the said Ronald Glantz, who follows the company for

Dean Witter. Other analysts project the company's motorcycle sales will grow at a 15 percent annual rate in the United States for the foresceable future, with exports be-coming a tempting opportunity for the future when Harley adds production capacity. Over the weekend, the company said it would pay its first cash dividend, 6 cents a share, in August.

But the company's stock has backed off its 52-week high of \$38.375 in early January and has recently been trading in the

the future seems so bright? The answer is probably Holiday Rambler, a producer of high-priced recreational vehicles that is owned by Harley-David-son. The RV industry, particu-larly on the high end, with ma-chines of more than \$100,000 apiece, has been in a prolonged slump. Holiday Rambler stumbled to a \$500,000 loss in the

first quarter. Would the company be bet-ter off selling Holiday Rambler, since it accounts for only about 25 percent of Harley-Davidson's sales, and last year only 2 reent of its profit?

"That's the million dollar question," said Odette S. Galfi, an analyst with Morgan Stanley.
"The market value of the stock would appreciate considerably in one day if they did that."

Until recently, Harley management has insisted that it could fix Holiday Rambler with new models and aggressive mar-keting. But more recently, it ac-knowledged that it was regularly re-evaluating the situation. The problem is that it would probably be hard to sell a cycli-cal business near the bottom of

the cycle at an attractive price. "This is a tough time to shop it around," said Jill S. Krutick of Salomon Brothers.

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NEW YORK - Blue-chip stocks rose briskly Tuesday after the U.S. Treasury successfully auctioned a record amount of threeyear notes, thereby reassuring investors that low interest rates should continue to support the

The Dow Jones industrial aver-

N.Y. Stocks

age outpaced the rest of the market, as a late bout of program buying appeared to focus on a half-dozen Dow components, traders said.

The Dow rose 25.47 points to close at 3,468.75. Among all issues on the New York Stock Exchange. advancing stocks nipped decliners by about a 5-to-4 margin. Trading was slower than usual, with about 220 million shares changing hands.

There had been some anxiety that the government's announce-ment last Wednesday that it would shift debt from the long end of the credit markets to the short end might destabilize short-term rates. Tuesday's auction of \$16.16 billion in three-year notes represented a record supply, up about \$500 million from the February offering. Low short-term rates have un-

derpinned the stock market for But despite concerns, investors

bid strongly for the new three-year issue on Tuesday, as both the aver-

On Wednesday, the government will auction \$10.75 billion in 10year notes, and on Thursday, \$8.25 billion in 30-year notes.

In the stock market, semiconductors eased after a mildly disappointing book-to-bill report. The Semiconductor Industry Association said that monthly ratio dropped to 1.13 in April from 1.17 in March. This means chipmakers received \$113 in new orders for every \$100 of products shipped last mouth.

Intel Corp. declined 3 to 99½. Kidder, Peabody & Co. removed the stock from its "buy" list.

Philip Morris fell 11/4 to 511/2 and was the most active NYSE stock. The company, embroiled in a brewing price war over premium cigarette brands, named William H. Webb president and chief executive of its non-U.S. tobacco operations. Mr. Webb had been president of the Asia-Pacific region for Philip Morris International. Anheuser-Busch Cos. rose 1% to

51%. The rise was aided by reports that the Clinton administration is likely to exempt beer from the list of "sin" taxes it plans to propose to fund its new health-care plan. Stone Container Corp. rose 1/8 to 8% after the maker of linerboard for cardboard boxes said it would issue equity, pare debt and sell as-

sets to boost its sagging finances.
(Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg) **Pound's Fortunes Rise**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — The pound recovered Tuesday from a steep drop, rallying after Prime Minister John Major said late in the day he did not plan to shuffle his government. The dollar was mixed, consolidating after a strong Monday gain

Foreign Exchange

as the market awaited economic data to give it direction

Sterling rose to \$1.5410 from \$1.5325. In London, it advanced to 2.4804 Deutsche marks from 2.4627. The pound's rise recouped only part of a nearly four-cent loss on Monday that was spurred by rumors Mr. Major would replace Norman Lamont, the chancellor of the Exchequer.

Malcolm Barr, a currency analyst at Chemical Bank in London, aid the decline Monday was linked to fears of a British interest-rate cut that would accompany Mr. La-

mont's departure. There were varied reports of Asian purchases of pounds. In Europe, dealers said a buy order of around £300 million from the Far East was the driving force behind lysts said an investor from the Mid-

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The dollar rose to 1.6085 Deutsche marks from 1.6078, and it edged up to 1.4580 Swiss francs from 1.4572. It posted a stronger gain against the French currency, rising to 5.4235 francs from 5.4170, but if 6.1423 francs from 5.4170, but if 6.1423 francs from 5.4170. but it fell to 111.40 yen from 111.85

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The dollar drew some strength from expectations that a report on U.S. April retail sales due out Thursday will show a sharp recov-ery from depressed March levels. "We don't think the dollar has

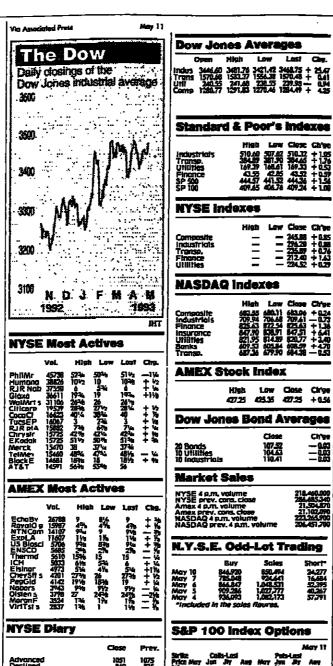
much upside potential before the re-tail-sales report," said Suresh Sadasivan, currency analyst at MMS International in London. He said while traders were ambivalent about U.S. fundamentals, they gave the dollar the benefit of the doubt because of European malaise. "European growth is weakening and there are political problems in a number of countries, so the U.S. just looks like a better bet for the moment.

There were rumors the Bundes bank sold dollars at 1.61 DM. Larry Sheen, an economist at Nomura Research Institute, said the central bank was concerned about the inflationary impact on the German economy of a higher dollar. Knight-Ridder, Reuters, AFP, AFX)

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Greece Eases Capital Rules

ATHENS — Greece deregulated nearly all forms of capital movement on Tuesday except for some short-term forward transactions, in a push to bring the country's economy closer to its European Community partners

The decision, taken by the central Bank of Greece and approved by the

government, allows Greeks to use drachmas for currency options and swaps and to hold foreign-currency accounts in banks outside Greece.

But it still does not allow forward transactions, such as buying a currency for delivery at a future time, of less than three months. These restrictions are to be lifted by July 1994. The drachma is expected to enter the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System next year.

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PNC to Acquire Sears Mortgage Unit

CHICAGO (Reuters) — Sears, Roebuck & Co. and PNC Bank Curp. said Tuesday they had reached a definitive agreement for PNC Bank to

said Tuesday mey had reached a definitive agreement for FNC Bank to acquire Sears Mortgage Banking Group for \$328 million.

Part of Coldwell Banker Residential Services, the mortgage group consists of Sears Mortgage Corp., Sears Mortgage Securities Corp. and

Sears Mortgage, the seventh-largest mortgage company in the United States, originates mortgage loans from 120 locations in 33 states.

IBM and Blockbuster in Partnership

SOMERS, New York (Renters) — International Business Machines Corp. and Blockbuster Entertainment Corp. said Tuesday that they had formed a multimedia strategic partnership to provide digital entertain-

ment products and services. In the deal, IBM's Fireworks Partners would invest in Newleaf Entertainment Corp., a Blockbuster subsidiary. Terms were not disclosed. They would create a new company, Fairway Technology Associates, to develop multimedia technologies and operate a distribution system.

Oracle, US West Join on Multimedia

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) — Oracle Corp. and US West said Tuesday they had entered an alliance to bring interactive information services to business, education and consumer markets by 1994. The companies said their joint development of a multimedia informa-

tion server allows access to information at any time, from any place, in any form with any screen, phones, computer and television.

Oracle and US West's multimedia information server is the key link

that defines how information is stored and retrieved, the companies said. MIPS Links With Japanese, Germans

TOKYO (AP) — A leading American developer of microprocessor chips announced Tuesday a plan to develop a next-generation personal-computer chip jointly with Japanese and German partners.

MIPS Technologies Inc. of California said it would work on the new chip, dubbed the T-5, with Toshiba Corp. and NEC Corp. of Japan, Siemens AG of Germany, LSI Logic Corp. and two other U.S. firms.

For the Record

Zenith Data Systems Corp., a unit of France's Groupe Bull, said the U.S. General Services Administration's board of contract appeals had overruled protests of a \$724 million contract awarded to it and Government Technology Services Inc.

Limited Inc. said its first-quarter earnings had fallen 14 percent to \$44.2 million from \$51.5 million a year earlier, as a result of disappointing sales, at its Limited, Lerner New York and Victoria's Secret store divisions.

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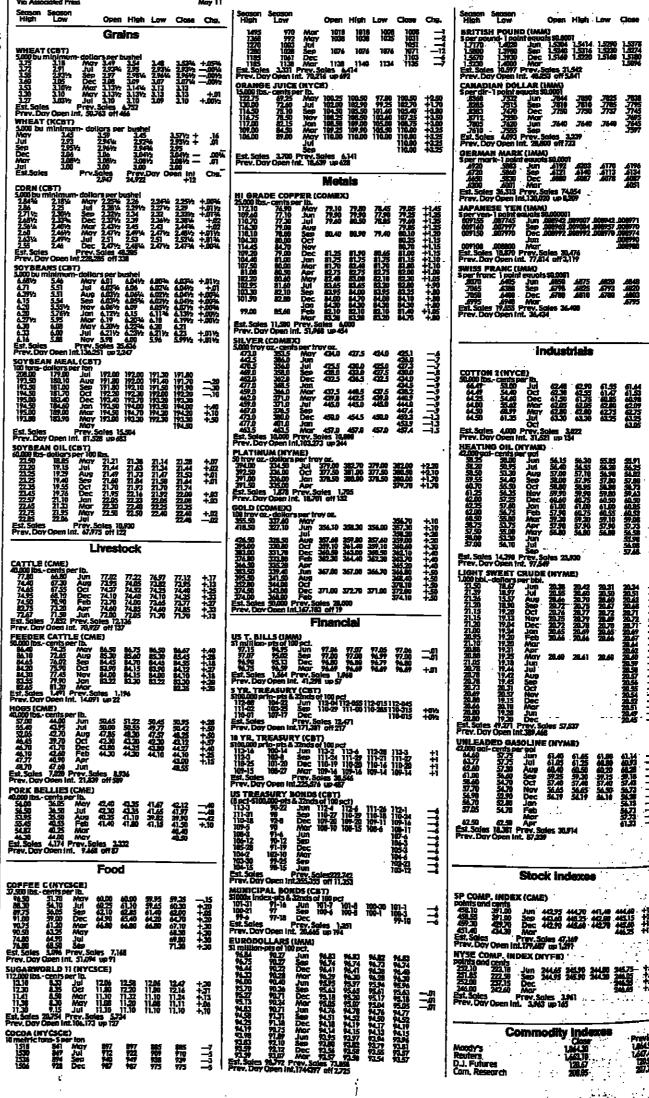
LONDON - Reed Elsevier PLC, the British-Dutch publisher, said Tuesday it had signed a letter of intent to purchase Official

buyers for Maxwell's U.S. assets since last June, hoping to raise money for creditors who are owed hundreds of millions of dollars. Reed and the Maxwell administrators said they had signed a nonexclusive letter of intent for Reed to purchase OAG, one of the world's top distributors of airline schedules and fares. The wording

Airline Guides Inc., formerly part of Robert Maxwell's media empire, for \$425 million.
Administrators of Maxwell Communication Corp. had been seeking

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Valeo Raises the Sum of Its Parts With Goutard, Firm Withstands Car Industry Slump

PARIS - So highly regarded is Noti Goutard, chairman of the car-parts company Valeo SA, that when a russor spread last week that he would replace Jacques Calvet as chamman of PSA Pengeot Chrotin, Pengeot's share price rose and Valeo's fell.

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The two companies, and analysts, dismissed the remor. Both executives are 61 and would run into the French carmaker's retirement-age limit of 65 at the same time. Mr. Calvet restructured the maprofitable Pengeot in the mid-1980s into a profitable, efficient manufacturer, and he has little reason to

Unlike Mr. Calvet, who openly criticizes European Community and French politicians, Mr. Goutard focuses exclusively on profits and tight management.

"Goutard's popularity is very high," said a French banker. Both have done great work, but some people are distanted by Calver's talk. I don't buy the rumor, and Goutard still has work to do at Valco."

Mr. Goutard already has transformed a money-loser into Europe's second-largest car-parts group through sales and acquisi-tions of about dozen subsidiaries in the late 1980s. Now, faced with an estimated 10 percent to 12 percent drop in European car sales, Valeo's growth will be less dramatic.

European car sales were down 18 percent during the first four months of the year, with little relief in sight until 1995, and carmakers' profits are expected to be half last year's, if not worse. Analysts said Valeo is one of the few car industry companies capable of mainarray of disparate holdings - including a Brazilian concrete components company — Mr. Goutard found when he joined Valeo in 1987, after the Italian entrepreneur Carlo De Benedetti became Valeo's main shareholder.

In 1986, Valeo had a loss of 308 million French francs (\$57 million at current rates), on sales of 12.1 billion francs. In 1992, profit totaled 700 million francs,

up 28 percent from a year earlier on sales of 20.6 billion francs. Productivity per employee has risen nearly 10 percent a year during the past five years, thanks to large investments in plants and slow worker attrition.

"They're one of the best-managed compa-nies around," said Keith Hayes, an analyst at Merrill Lynch. "They are market leaders in key sectors, such as gearboxes and engine cooling, and aren't about to let go." The turnaround comes amid a drastic con-

solidation in the car-parts industry, until recently fragmented into hundreds of nutsand-bolts specialists. During the past five years, carmakers have halved the number of contractors they use, and hope to repeat that

during the next few years. New cars also use fewer parts. For example, the Opel Astra, which has 8,200 parts, replaced the Opel Kadett with its 12,600 components. Furthermore, carmakers expect suppliers to assemble more parts before drop-

ing them on the chassis.

The changes in the industry have required large investments many smaller companies cannot afford. In addition, many of Valeo's

taining 1993 profit not far off last year's.

Valeo's nimbleness is a far cry from the expensive labor, an expensive currency, and few plants outside Germany. Valco, with plants in Britain, Italy and Spain, quickly shifted assembly lines to those countries when their correncies were devalued.

Since many of Valco's products, notably alternators and air-conditioning systems, are easy to package and transport, the savings from shifting production to other countries far outweigh the added transportation costs, Mr. Goutard said.

"Our Italian factories weren't operating at capacity, and we shifted equipment from one country to another in two days," he said.

Valeo's advantages do not stop there. Last year, General Motors and its then production manager, José Ignacio López de Arriortua, named Valeo its supplier of the year. Mr. Lopez in March joined Volkswagen AG in Wolfsburg, northern Germany, a move not lost on Valeo or investors. This is the worst crisis the industry has

seen in 30 years," Mr. Goutard said, citing European car-sales projections. "We're going from 13.5 million cars sold to less than 12 million in 1993. That's a tremendous blow." Valeo's sales during the first quarter fell 4.8 percent, only one-third the European industry average, reflecting faster U.S. sales, new contracts with Japanese-owned plants in En-

rope, and demand from new car models. Mr. Goutard expects Valeo's second- and third-quarter sales to slide similarly. He foresees the industry picking up slightly in the fourth quarter, bumping along next year, and gathering speed in 1995.

Fondiaria Pulls Out Of AMB, Sells Stake To German Banks

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

FRANKFURT — La Fondiaria SpA said Tuesday that it had sold its 20 percent stake in Aachener & Munchener Beteiligungs AG to a isted for years" between the group of German institutional investors, ending its decade-old involvement in the German insurance holding company.

Fondiaria, which is controlled by Italy's heavily indebted Ferruzzi Finanziaria SpA, said it had sold the stake for a total of 985 million Deutsche marks (\$616 million). The insurer declined to say whether it made a capital gain on the sale. But the president of Fondiaria, Carlo Sama, said the sale "is an important step in Fondiaria's reorganization which will reduce its presence abroad in order to cut its debts and focus its resources toward a consolidation and development of its own insur-

Among the investors that swept up the AMB shares were Deutsche Bank AG, Dresdner Bank AG and Allianz Versicherungs AG.

Half the shares were bought by Dentsche Bank, Germany's largest bank. A spokesman for the bank said it considered the AMB stake "as part of a financial transaction without any strategic relevance."

Last year, Deutsche Bank had acquired substantial stakes in the German insurers Deutsche Herold Versicherungsgesellschaften and Gerling-Konzern Versicherungs AG as strategic stakes to complement its insurance business.

Allianz, the German insurance company, said it had bought a 5 percent stake in AMB. "We consider this a financial investment and not a strategic stake," the spokesman said. Allianz holds no further shares in AMB.

Dresdner Bank said it had in-

percent from 11 percent. "We expect that this transaction will cement the relationship that has excompanies, a Dresdner Bank spokesman said.

creased its stake in AMB to 14

Fondiaria had built up the stake in_AMB at a cost of about 800 million DM over the course of several years since the mid-1980s. The Italian group was disgruntled when AMB sold a majority stake in its banking unit, BfG Bank AG, to the French banking concern Credit Lyonnais earlier this year, because allegedly Fondiaria had not been ited about the transaction.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

Gencor Seeks Units of Shell

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON - Gencor Ltd., the South African mining and industrial conglomerate, has made an unsolicited bid for many of the metals operations of Royal Dutch/Shell Group. it was announced Tuesday.

Neither side would disclose the price Gencor had offered for mining, smelting, relining and exploration operations that stretch from Brazil to Australia and Canada. In 1992. Shell said its metals units had sales of \$2.23 billion.

The chairman of Gencor, Brian Gilbertson, said his company hoped to create an international natural-resources concern that eventually would be traded publicly.

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• West German consumer prices rose 4.3 percent at an annual rate in April and by 0.3 percent from March, when the annual rate was 4.2 percent. European Community unemployment crept up to a 10.2 percent rate in March, from 10.1 percent in February.

• PSA Pengeot Citroën said consolidated sales had fallen 15.6 percent to 1an 35.84 billion French francs (\$6.6 billion) in the first quarter, from 42.48 the billion francs a year earlier.

• Sun Oil Britain Ltd. has agreed to sell its oil and gas exploration interests in 10 of its 17 North Sea blocks to Amoco (UK) Exploration Co. for an undisclosed sum.

• Inchcape PLC bought 15.3 percent in Gestetner Holdings, an officeequipment company, for £36.8 million (\$56.3 million). • Leykam Mürztaler Papier & Zellstoff AG said it had plunged into the

red in 1992, buffeted by the worst crisis in the industry for decades. The Austrian pulp and paper maker had an operating loss of 283 million n. schillings (\$26 million), against a profit of 92 million schillings.

• Procordia AB's profit after financial items, including restructuring the costs, fell 20 percent in the first quarter, to 893 million kronor (\$133 to million), from I.12 billion a year earlier.

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German Strikers Plan to Resume Talks

eas said Toesday they would re-sume talks with employers on IG Mets Thursday that could end a nine-day workers to strike in Eastern Germany.

But the powerful IG Metall

day to support the strikers, who BERLIN -- Striking metalwork- have been raising the pressure on

IG Metall expects about 100,000 workers to join walkouts and demonstrations throughout Western

Germany, bringing production lines union was preparing for mass demonstrations in the West on Wedner-

Paris to Pull Subsidy Plug

PARIS — The subsidy-hungry Groupe Bull and SGS-Thomson Microelectronics BV must change their industrial strategies "argently," Industry Minister General Longuet said Tuesday.

"The existing situation at Bull cannot be prolonged," he said, adding that proposed subsidies for the computer maker "are incom-

patible with what the Basupean Community permits." He said Bull would have cost toxpayers 15 billion france (\$2.80 billion) in 10 years and it "must absolutely define a new strategy by the summer."

He said a link between SGS-Thomson, a computer-chip venture with Italy, and the Prench state sucker energy concern CEA Industrie was not meant to be long-term. Putage SGS partners are "those which use semiconductors," particularly adecommunications concerns.

Despite the resumption of talks. workers are braced for a protracted stoppage in protest against a decision by employers to scrap a pay deal that would have brought wages up to the levels paid in the

West by next year. The employers argue they can no longer afford to pay the promised increases and say that the strikes are putting many thousands of jobs

> Marlis Dahne, spokeswoman for IG Metall in the pivotal state of Sexony, said the union had agreed to meet employers in Dresden on

in the East at risk.

The meeting will be the first faceto-face contact between the two sides since talks broke off in Dresden last week when they could not agree on the preconditions for further negotiations. Ms. Dahne said Saxony's pre-

mier, Kurt Biedenkopf, would moderate the preliminary talks. More than 1,000 union members strikes, engineering plants in all from the East staged a protest at Eastern states could be at a standthe Berlin headquarters of the still by next Monday.

The Trenhand has told companies under its control to pay the 9 percent wage increase offered by employers, instead of the 26 percent agreed with unions in 1991.

In the northern state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, about 2,500 workers at seven plants joined the strike Tuesday, bringing the number of strikers in three regions to well above 40,000.

could lead to the work stoppage's spreading throughout the former communist region by next week continued on Tuesday. The results of the vote will be announced on

panies in the eastern areas of Thuringia, Saxony-Anhalt and Berlin-Brandenburg were casting strike authorization bailots. If, as expected, at least 75 per-

Engineering workers at 700 com-

cent of the workers vote to join the

A strike ballot in the East that FRANCE: Overhaul of the Central Bank Fails to Mention Independence.

(Continued from first finance page) ment likewise will not take effect until the Maastricht treaty is rati-

Danish voters, having once rejected the treaty, will hold a second referendum next week on whether to accept it with several clauses excluding Denmark from some of its provisions. Ratification in Britain has been bogged down over legal technicalities in Parliament, where an important segment of the ruling Conservative party is determined to wreck the treaty.

wording in the proposed statutes of the Bank of France, Mr. Alphandery said he had no doubt that the Bank of France would be indepen-

While the Bank of France will be accountable to political institutions, and its governor will report to the National Assembly at regular intervals, the minister said another clause in the proposed statutes was designed to ensure independence. This states that neither the senior officials of the bank,

Despite the cautiousness of the nor its monetary policy council, jobs outside the government, with can solicit or receive any pressure the exception of appointments to from the government or any other posts in teaching or international is

body in defining monetary policy. Mr. Alphandery said the phrase was "the fundamental mark of independence," and "eliminates all ambiguity."

The statutes propose a ninemember monetary council including the governor and two deputy governors, and six members ap-pointed for nine years, who will meet monthly. They will be expected to give up political offices and

organizations.

Mr. Alphandery said the council /. would be similar to the Federal d Open Market Committee in the n United States. The bank will be administered

by a general council, which will include the members of the monetary council, a representative of the 1 bank's staff and a "censor" or inspector named by the economy t

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By Jonathan Fuerbringer New York Times Service

NEW YORK - China's growing appetite for gold, which has already given the metal's price a buoyancy not seen for a decade, has the potential to produce

further price increases, according to gold analysts. When these analysts gather now, their talk turns to how China, the world's most populous nation, could be the consumer of millions and millions of ounces of

gold as its economy opens and develops. By contrast, the market in the United States, which China has now passed as the largest buyer of gold, is a mature one. There, fewer of the traditional reasons for

buying gold apply.

Gold Fields Mineral Services, a London-based venture of three major gold producers, said in its annual report Monday that China's purchases of gold had surpassed those of the United States last year, ending 25 years in which America was the world's biggest

Last year, the Chinese bought more than 350 metric tons of gold, much of it in the form of chuk kam, or pure gold jewelry, according to the Gold Fields report. Its figures are the most closely watched in the market, and this year provided some of the first concrete data

on Chinese gold purchases.

Philip Klapwijk, an author of the report, said the Chinese buying did not outstrip that of the United

States by much, but he could not provide comparable figures because Gold Fields has not completed its consumption analyses for 1992. Total world demand

last year was 3,480 metric tons, up 12 percent.

There have been several spurs to China's buying. With the expansion of the economy, Chinese now have more cash, but relatively few outlets for spending it. The threat of inflation and a drop in the value of the Chinese currency added to the buying, according to Gold Fields.

Speculation about Chinese buying has helped the price of gold rally. Between March and last week, its price jumped 9.6 percent to a nine-month high of \$358.30, from an eight-year low of \$326.90. The price of gold futures on the Commodity Exchange in New York closed Tuesday at \$357,30 an ounce, up 10 cents.

China's buying has spurred prices another way. The Chinese government, according to the report, appears to have purchased a major portion of the 12.9 million ounces of gold sold by the Dutch central bank at the end of 1992. In a year when total central bank net sales were the largest since 1968, this buying helped relieve some of the downward pressure on prices, which fell 5 percent in 1992.

Also keeping prices from dropping further was the strong worldwide demand for gold jewelry, which rose 329 metric tons last year, the third-largest increase in

purchases, at more than 350 metric tons, is a conserva-

By comparison, in 1991, the latest such data available in detail, the United States accounted for 259 tons, and India, which was No. 2, 207 tons. Italy, the largest maker of jewelry by a wide margin, was the No. 3 gold consumer, with a total just over 165 tons. This includes jewelry, bars and coins.

China's movement to the top of the list reflects in part an effort to integrate the gold production and in 1993. consumption of Communist countries, and formerly Communist ones like the old Soviet Union, into the global data that Gold Fields has been collecting and analyzing for 25 years. At the same time, the distribution of these data

helps lift the price of gold by increasing expectations that the bottom of the decade-old bear market may have been reached. The supply-and-demand forces that have brought gold prices down may now be

reversing themselves, according to the data. Such a possible shift is evident from the global figures that include the Communist and formerly Comm countries. According to this data, the gap between fundamental supply, which includes mine production and gold scrap, and fundamental demand — fabrica-

The data on Chinese buying is still secret, and government figures do not reveal very much. But the authors of the study say that the estimate of Chinese of 1992, this had greatly widened, to 725 tons.

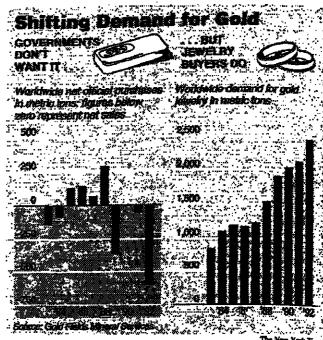
"The underlying supply-and-demand fundamentals are becoming more positive," said Mr. Klapwijk, who is a senior metals analyst at Gold Fields.

Early this year the price of gold failed to rally, and the fact that it did not despite the improving funda-mentals shows the effect that swing factors, in this case central bank selling, can have. Last year, net gold sales of central banks reached 599 metric tons. The threat of more sales this year helped keep a lid on the price early

In an interview in New York, Mr. Klapwijk would not predict what would happen with central bank gold sales for all 1993. But in the past, large net selling in one year has been followed by little or no selling the next. What this means for the price of gold is hard to

predict, according to Mr. Klapwijk, who acknowledged that the Gold Fields report has a more optimistic tone than others in the last several years. China's buying could slacken if its government decides to fight rising inflation with an austerity

program, as occurred in 1988. And central banks could keep on selling.
But if the supply fundamentals hold out in favor of gold, then prices of \$380 an ounce by the end of the year have a better base of support than in past years.



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North American Trade Pact Gains in Congress

By Keith Bradsher

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - Under inense pressure from the White House, some leading congressional critics of the North American Free Trade Agreement are toning down their oratory. A few are even saying they might support the pact after all.

The majority leader of the House of Representatives, Richard Gephardt, said in an interview Monday that he was urging Democrats to avoid taking positions now on the pact, which would eliminate trade barriers among Canada, Mexico and the United States. The Missouri Democrat said lawmakers should give the administration of President Bill Clinton time to complete its negotiations with Canada and Mexico on three side agreements.

The side agreements will cover labor and environmental issues and the surges of imports that might follow the lowering of tariffs. They are to be completed by mid-July. The Clinton administration is counting on concessions in the side agreements to win over some Democratic opponents of the pact.

Mr. Gephardt said the free-trade pact could pass Congress if the side agreements have "real teeth," as the dministration has promised. He described the pact itself as "a reasonable and good thing for the United States, Mexico and Canada."

Representative Sander M. Levin, Michigan Democrat, who has been one of the most visible and influential congressional critics of free trade, sent his colleagues a letter Friday also urging them not to take any position on the pact until

agreement last December. It will go into force next Jan. 1 if a simple tiations on the side agreements. The new stances by two of the

best-known congressional critics of free trade upset some members of Congress who remain opposed to the agreement, "I don't think this is the time for us to let the debate wallow; it's time for us to sharpen the debate," said Representative Marcy Kaptur, an Ohio Democrat. President George Bush signed the

majority of each house of Congress votes to put its provisions into law. Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade rep-resentative, said last week that the administration planned to introduce the necessary legislation in August. Lawmakers gave several reasons

for the pact's brightening prospects. One reason is an administration

form. Another is a compromise struck by six environmental groups 11 days ago to support the pact if a side agreement on the environment included certain provisions.

A third reason is a decision by the AFL-CIO's executive council

lobbying blitz after the budget director, Leon Panetta, said three weeks in the basic pact. Some union leadago that the pact did not have ers have been calling for an immediate national campaign to kill the enough votes to pass in its current agreement, but were moned back by the national leadership.

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On Thursday, Mr. Clinton strongly urged congressional ap-proval of the pact, while Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich has given two speeches in the last two weeks last week to continue pressing for in favor of the agreement.

Leventhal Named New Publisher of Vanity Fair

By Geraldine Fabrikant New York Times Service

NEW YORK - In yet another shake-up at Condé Nast Publications Inc., the company has announced that Kathy Leventhal will become publisher of Vanity Fair, replacing Ronald Ga-lotti, who has been publisher since 1990.

Ms. Leventhal was the publisher of Condé Nast's two-year-old beauty magazine, Allure.

The company said on Monday that Mr. Galotti had resigned to pursue other interests, but his abrupt departure prompted speculation that he had been dismissed. He had been with Condé Nast since 1985, first as publisher of Made-moiselle and then of Condé Nast Traveler, before joining Vanity Fair, where he was considered a rising star.

S.I. Newhouse Jr., whose family owns Condé

Nast, said the magazine's circulation was up, but advertising was off, partly because of un-certainty over Vanity Fair's new editor, E. Graydon Carter, who took over last summer when Tina Brown moved to The New Yorker, a sister magazine. "I think there was a question about Graydon," Mr. Newhouse said. "Nobody knew what he was going to do. But the magazine is doing very well."

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Foreign Investors in Asia Learn to Love Loopholes

BANGKOK — Most foreign investors facing the rewildering array of barriers in Asian stock markets just grin and bear it but some are using official loopholes to get around the rules.

From Bombay to Bangkok, foreign investors face restrictions on who they can buy shares from, how much they can buy and at what price - regulations aimed at limiting foreign influence over the stock market and blocking outsiders from taking controlling

stakes in any one company, especially strategic ones.

Those outside investors, huge funds with no interest in taking majority stakes in the first place, find the restrictions irritating but mevitable and in some cases, justified.

"It does bother them," Louie Bate of Baring Securi-ties Inc. in Manila said. "They'd rather have an open economy, but most of them agree that the Philippines is not yet big enough to defend its resources."

Foreign ownership in Manila's two stock exchanges is limited to 40 percent of a company, while in indus-

This wariness of outsiders extends even to Singapore, which prides itself on its free markets yet mainains restrictions on ownership of key companies, such as the four largest local banks, Singapore Airlines, Singapore Petroleum Co. and listed companies in the state defense complex, Singapore Technologies.

49 percent of issued capital, In countries where the rules are more stringent, brokers and foreign investors are far less

Foreign holdings of such shares are limited to 15 to

Seoul, which opened up to direct foreign investment only in January last year, has imposed a 10 percent calling on total foreign buying in any one company, so that 75 to 80 percent of brokers' top 10 picks are now already out of bounds.

Major foreign investors, particularly pension funds, are reluctant to buy piecemeal stakes in many

tries deemed strategic, such as retailing or broadcasting, foreigners are banned altogether.

counters, and the lack of opportunities is forcing some unable to collect dividends or vote their shareing foreigners are banned altogether.

The loophole is especially important in Taiwar

"With the attractive large and medium-sized counters largely taken up, there are only the smaller. less attractive shares left and they are difficult to get into due to a lack of turnover," said Henry Morris, director of institutional services at Standard Chartered Bank's Equitor Services.

In these markets, the rule for most is to be patient and wait for the market to develop.

However, not all are patient. in Jakarta. Taipei and Bangkok, foreign investors have been getting around the rules for years by exploit-ing officially sanctioned dummy or nominee accounts. In Thailand, which has a 49 percent limit on foreign

ownership of most companies and 25 percent on those in the banking and finance sector, funds not restricted by their own rules can invest under someone else's

name, even that of a foreign bank, as "trustee".

"It's a stock-picker's dream," said
The only disadvantage is that they technically are shall of Enam Financial Consultants.

The loophole is especially important in Taiwan, where a 10 percent limit per company on foreign investment is aggravated by stringent reles on capital flows, requiring institutions to obtain approval for inward remittances and only allowing outward remittances of capital gains once a year.

In addition, foreign individuals are still barred from investing directly in the market, which analysts do not expect will change for at least two more years. The dummy accounts allow foreigners to avoid this hitch. "It's an open secret that foreign individuals can directly invest in the market, and no one has been caught up to now," one foreign analyst said.

Investors in India, which only last year opened up its market to a maximum of 10 percent foreign investment in any one company, may be starting to look for loopholes.

"It's a stock-picker's dream," said Vallabh Bhan-

Packer Cleans Up In Westpac Sale

SYDNEY — The billionaire Kerry Packer on Tuesday liqui-dated his six-month-old investment in troubled Westpac Banking Corp. with a profit of 100 million Australian dollars (\$70.2 million), selling most of his stake to Lend Lease Corp.

Lend Lease, a financial-services and real estate concern, becomes Westpac's second-largest shareholder with 9.95 percent of the bank's share capital. Lend Lease bought 140 million shares, or 8 percent, for 490 million dollars, or 3.50

Lend Lease has approval from Australia's treasurer, John Dawkins, to lift its stake to 15 percent. The company said it would acquire Mr. Packer's remaining 32 million Westpac shares, taking it to about 12 percent of the bank holding company, if the Westpac board approved.

Westpac "represented an invest-ment with good upside potential" in the medium- to long-term, Lend Lease's managing director, John Morschel, said. He said the compamy would seek two seats on the Vestoac board.

Westpac shares closed 14 cents igher at 3.78 on Tuesday. Mr. Packer built up his 10 percent stake last November, mostly at

below 3.00 dollars a share. After a failed 1.2 billion dollar rights issue last May and a 1.56 billion dollar loss for the year to

slumped to a low of 2.40 dollars in equity ratio.

November, from a pre-rights-issu-high of 4.63 in January 1992.

As Westpac's second-largest shareholder, Mr. Packer was invited to take a seat on the board. But the media tycoon resigned from the board in January just one week after joining it, over a disagreement about the bank's recovery program.

Mr. Packer said Lend Lease approached his company, Consoli-dated Press Holdings Ltd., about selling the stake last week. "While we considered the hold-

ing to be a strategic stake, the price offered was viewed as reasonable at this time and one which values our holding at 100 million dollars more than our acquisition costs," he said.

Mr. Packer said Lend Lease would bring added stability to Westpac's shareholder base, with the Australian Mutual Provident Society, which has 15 percent.

Lend Lease said that through its MLC Life Ltd, unit it had gained considerable experience in the restructuring of a large financial in-

"In making this investment we have anticipated that the bank will take whatever action is necessary to improve reserves and provisioning consistent with current economic conditions as already foreshadowed by the market." Lend Lease said.

Mr. Dawkins said he approved Lend Lease's application to own 15 which are reported to have been percent of Westpac because it was a seeking permission to build a comsubstantial corporation with a high last Sept. 30, Westpac's share price credit rating and a low debt-to-

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In Japan, sales of imported vehicles rose il percent from a year ago to 16,641 in April, the third consecutive month of year-on-year gains, an official of the Japan Automobile Importers Association said. The April sales rise resulted mainly from higher sales of Honda's and Toyota's U.S.made cars, and of Opels, Rovers and Volvos, the association said.

 Nikon Corp. said it had provisionally decided to name its current senior managing director, Shigeo Ono, 61, as its new president. The current president, Koji Sho, will become chairman and the current chairman. nigetada Fukuoka, will be appointed as an adviser.

• Whirlpool Corp. of the United States said it would establish an Asian headquarters in Tokyo in July to improve its business in the Asian home-appliance market; the office initially will include eight to 10 sales and marketing, finance and business-development staff, the company said.

• China Trust & Investment Corp. for Foreign Economic Relations & Trade and China National Metals & Minerals Import & Export Corp. are to pay 362.1 million Hong Kong dollars (\$46.4 million) for a 33.75 percent stake in Hong Kong's First Pacific Bank.

Reuters, Bloomberg

China Ban Linked to Dispute

HONG KONG - The reaffir- who controls the telecommunicamation by China's Ministry of tions service in China," said An-Posts and Telecommunications of a drew Hall, head of Hong Keng ban on foreign equity interests in research at SBCI Finance Asia. industry may be a warning to dis- man said China regarded control of obedient cities and provinces, ana-telecommunications services as a lysts said Tuesday.

It may also have been part of an internal power struggle with other major ministries and agencies

On Monday, a ministry spokesmatter of sovereignty.

Despite Monday's move, analysts said the currents might be flowing against the ministry's ban as local authorities in China are peting network in China, they said. desperate to improve their telecommunications services and see forlikely to be related to arguments eign investment as one solution.

Playing a Long Shot in Kuala Lumpur Speculators Keep Throwing Big Sums at a China Gamble Other Malaysian companies — notably Berjaya Group Bhd. — have won contracts to

KUALA LUMPUR - In Malaysia's hyperactive equities market this year, stocks move for the flimsiest of reasons. Take the case of Multi-Purpose Holdings Bhd., whose shares last month soared after the arrival of a traveling troups of handicapped Chinese artists. Multi-Purpose is a far-flung conglomerate controlling a number of companies including Magnum Corp., which operates a popular

four-digit lottery game in Malaysia. The holding company, which has interests ranging from real estate to shipping, is headed by Lim Thian Kiat, a 34-year-old Malaysian dealmaker who counts the fallen junkbond king Michael Milken as a hero.

Magnum is in the running for a potentially lucrative gambling license in China's booming Guangdong province. For months, speculators have been looking for any sign that Magnum has connections in Beijing.

And during the past year, rumors have sent the stock of Magnum's parent Multi-Purpose soaring, and then crashing, on four occasions. In mid-April, speculators went crazy when word circulated throughout Kuala Lumpur that Multi-Purpose had sponsored a tour of Chinese dancers, poets and performance art-

ists headed by Deng Pufang, the handicapped son of Deng Xiaoping.

Investors sent the company's shares to a 52-week high of 3.18 ringgit, amid a strong market rumor that the younger Deng would amounce something about the license, said Audrey Ho, alyst with Ong & Co. "There are diehard believers out there," he said.

They were sorely disappointed. Mr. Deng made no announcement. And China's ambas-sador to Malaysia, Jin Guilaua, repeated his government's position that gambling is illegal in China. Multi-Purpose has since tumbled 17 percent to 2.63 ringgit as of Tuesday.

W.K. Choy, investment analyst at Phileo Peregrine Securities, said he had given up on

"Certainly, after six months. I look at the group in terms of credibility and there's not much," Mr. Choy said, "Maybe they will pull the rabbit out of the hat. I certainly wouldn't want to put my money on it."

The dream of catering to 1 billion-plus potential gamblers has lifted shares of a number of Malaysian gambling-related stocks.

These companies are involved in horse racing and lotteries and are considered blue chip

for gambling events, whose proceeds would be used for social-welfare programs. However, no company so far has been given a license to set up a gambling casino or lottery program for private gain. For its part, the Kuala Lumpur Stock Ex-

manage social-welfare lotteries in China. In

other words, they pick up management fees

change has started requiring Magnum and Dunlop Estates Bhd., another gaming stock that is part of the Multi-Purpose family, to report every two weeks about the progress of their lottery application in China. Back in September, the two received "ap-proval in principle" from local officials to set

up operations in Guangdong. Yet they have not yet won any such approval from Beijing. Even if the China lottery deal falls through. some analysts like the earnings outlook at Multi-Purpose. They believe the stock is probably worth 2.70 ringgit a share based on the fundamentals of shipping, finance and

Multi-Purpose reported pretax profit of 304.91 million ringgit (\$119 million) last year, up 50.4 percent from 1991. Of that, 263.95 million ringgit came from gambling

Malaysia Wants Compensation for Logging Cuts talists for destroying their rain for-The timber organization, which

KUALA LUMPUR — Malaysia, criticized by foreign environmentalists for overlogging its rain forests, insisted Tuesday that rich countries compensate tropical timber producers for drastic logging cuts.

"Buyers should be made to pay a sustainability premium for the products over and above the market prices they fetch," said Lim Keng Yaik, primary industries minister of Malaysia. He was speaking at the opening of a council meeting of the International Tropical Timber Organization.

groups 50 producer and consumer nations, has set 2000 as the target

their efforts in producing sustainable tropical timber products," Mr. Lim said. Western countries must ensure a free and fair trade in tropi-

Malaysia, Indonesia and other tropical timber producers have been criticized by Western environmen-

demanding that wood imports come from sustainable operations.

their forests.

He said Malaysia's Sarawak state, one of the country's largest log producers, planned to cut tim-ber output to 9.2 million cubic meel of the timber group.

Mr. Lim put forward a deal to tions on whether to include all internationally traded wood in an exadministered by the timber group.

month, separate rules would apply to tropical and temperate timber

Sweden, the United States and the European Community, leading

Overhaul of Bid Rules

TOKYO - Plans by Japan's under strong attack from abroad, tives and economists say, is vulnera-

came under tire at home Tuesday. ble to bid-rigging by contractors and "The Construction Ministry's re- to political influence. form plans did not include a single word about introduction of an modest modifications in the screenopen-bidding system," the couning process will translate into more try's top business newspaper, Ni-

the ministry unveiled on Monday measures it said would make its bidding system for public works more competitive and artists. derstand. The measures clarify the cific in Tokyo. qualifications needed to become a widder and put greater weight on Japan's public-works bidding systechnical qualifications of wouldbe bidders. It remains up to the leading builders made huge politigovernment to decide who is per- cal contributions to the former bar-

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Tokyo Lashes Out

(Continued from first finance page) example, specific market shares for

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for violating international rules by

applying arbitrary measures in umping cases involving low-priced

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tion and national security, and by

relying on "gray-method" tactics to

balance trade, such as requests for

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The EC's six categories of viola-

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Under Fire in Japan companies, industry analysts said. But the measures do not include Construction Ministry to reform its an open system to replace the desigsystem of bidding for public works, nated bidding system, which, execu-

It is far from clear that these contracts for foreign contractors, hon Keizai Shimbun, said in an analysts said. That is because the editorial. "We are surprised that reforms do not include the introthe Construction Ministry is so na-ive about domestic and interna-fail to set out clear standards for

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1. Submission of the report of the Board of Directors and of the Auditor.

2. Approval of the Statement of Net Assets at December 31, 1992 and the Statement of

Operations for the year ended December 31, 1992;

3. Allocation of the net results; 4. Discharge to the Directors and the Auditor;

5. Receipt of and action on nomination of the Directors and the Auditor;

Shareholders are advised that no quorum is required for the items of the agenda of the annual general meeting and that decisions will be taken at the majority of the votes expressed by the shareholders present or represented at the meeting.

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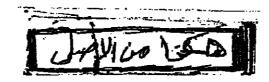
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Lemieux's Back, **And Penguins Fly** To a Big Victory

PITTSBURGH — Five games into the final of the Patrick Diviclear that there are the Pittsburgh Penguins, and that there are the

The New York Islanders played the mostly Lemieux-less Penguins for four games, and they played

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them dead even. The Penguins, tied 2-2 in a series many thought would be over in four, felt a sense of postseason desperation for the first time since they trailed the New York Rangers, 2-1, in the 1992 division finals.

"The fifth game is a pivotal game in any series," said the Penguins' coach, Scotty Bowman. "You play that game on home ice. you've got to take advantage of it.

Did they ever. As soon as Lemieux hit the ice just before game time and skated full tilt to the Penguins' end, the

Islanders hardly knew what hit them. What the Penguins did hit them with was three goals in less than two minutes — and Lemieux's line was on the ice for all three. He finished with two goals and an assist — and he may have fin-

ished off the Islanders. "When it's 3-0 here that early, that's the whole game right there,

Kevin Stevens said following Pittsburgh's 6-3 victory Monday night. Lemieux had tried everything to ease the sharp back pains that benched him for all but a few minutes of the first four games: therapy, no therapy, rest, exercise. Everything except traction, a procedure that helped after his back operation nearly two years

With the Penguins faced with an almost must-win game, Lemieux decided desperate times called for desperate measures, so a therapist put him in traction for nearly 20 minutes Sunday afternoon.

"I felt great this morning." he said. "Every time I feel good, any time I can play to my full potential, I can be very successful."

"We knew they'd come out with a lot of fire and a lot of emotion," said the Islanders' goaltender, Glenn Healy. "You can't take even one minute off against these guys."

Or 54 seconds, which is as long as it took Lemieux and Rick Tocchet to make it 2-0. Lemieux scored just 19 seconds into the game off Stevens' pass,

then set up Tocchet 35 seconds later. To make sure the Islanders had no chance. Lemieux directed av to only its second goal in 16 chances in the series. Larry Murphy's slapshot with just 1:48 gone.

The Islanders' Jeff Norton scored 31 seconds into the second period, but when the goal light didn't immediately go on, play continued for seven seconds and referee Kerry Fraser called a slashing penalty on Brad Delgarno. Just 14

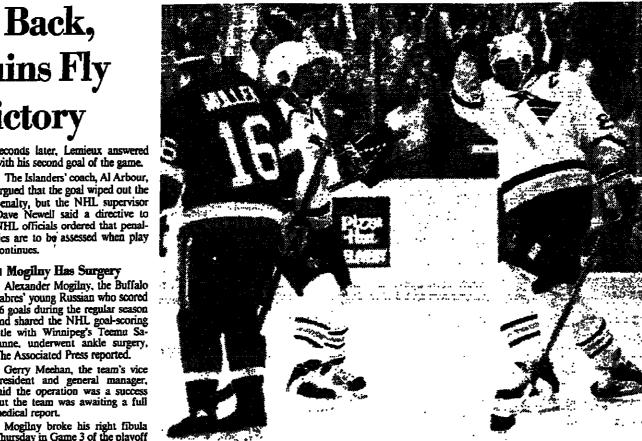
with his second goal of the game. The Islanders' coach, Al Arbour, sion championship series and it is argued that the goal wiped out the penalty, but the NHL supervisor

Dave Newell said a directive to Pittsburgh Penguins with Mario NHL officials ordered that penal-Lemieux. They are not the same ties are to be assessed when play ■ Mogilny Has Surgery

Alexander Mogilny, the Buffalo Sabres' young Russian who scored 76 goals during the regular season and shared the NHL goal-scoring title with Winnipeg's Teemu Salanne, underwent ankle surgery, The Associated Press reported.

president and general manager, said the operation was a success but the team was awaiting a full medical report.

Mogilay broke his right fibula Thursday in Game 3 of the playoff series with Montreal. The Sabres were swept in four games.



Mario Lemieux had a message for the Islanders after scoring his first goal 19 seconds into the game.

Tigers Beat Yanks in 10, Hold First Place

The Detroit Tigers and New York Yankees have already spent a lot of time together this

And Monday night, the first-place Tigers held off a challenge from the Yankees when Gary Thurman singled with the bases loaded in the bottom of the 10th inning for a 2-1 victory and a split of their four-game series. Three of

the contests went into extra innings.

The surprising Tigers, whose lead over the Yankees had slipped to one-half game in the

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American League East, have been in first place since April 23.

The last time the Tigers had three extra-

ning games in a series was in August 1972 at Tony Phillips started the 10th with a walk and was bunted to second by Lou Whitaker. After an intentional two-out walk to Cecil

Fielder, Rich Monteleone walked Kirk Gibson before Thurman lined a single to right.
"It's not the winning hit of the World Series or anything like that, but this feels good."

Thurman said. Orioles 2, Red Sex 1: Rookie Mark Leonard's eighth-inning sacrifice fly gave Baltimore its victory over visiting Boston. Leo Gomez homered for the Orioles, who have won three in a

row and eight of 12 after starting the season 5-13. Brady Anderson opened the eighth with a single, ending an 0-for-20 slump, Mark McLe-more singled, and relief pitcher Ken Ryan walked Cal Ripken before Leonard hit a fly to right.

White Sox 13, Mariners 2: Chicago scored six runs in the first two innings against 20-year-old rookie Mike Hampton in Seattle and coasted to its fifth straight victory.

Robin Ventura, Frank Thomas and Dan Pasqua each hit two-run homers for the White Sox. In the ninth, Michael Huff, Bo Jackson and Pasqua homered off reliever Dennis Powell.

Rangers 7, Athletics 4: Juan Gonzalez homered in his third straight game as Texas handed host Oakland its third loss in a row. The A's dropped to 10-18, eight games behind Chicago. Gonzalez hit his 10th home run of the season

to give the Rangers a 5-0 lead in the third, one inning after Dean Palmer hit his ninth. Both were two-run shots off loser Ron Darling. Winner Charlie Leibrandt breezed through

every inning but the fourth, when the A's scored three runs on home runs by Mark McGwire and

Twins 13, Angels 3: Dave Winfield broke out of a slump with four singles to lead visiting Minnesota's 22-hit attack against California. Shane Mack also had four hits, including a two-run home run in the seventh, and Mike

Pagliarulo hit a three-run homer in the eighth. The 41-year-old Winfield had had just five hits in his previous 42 at-bats and was batting 204 entering the game. One of his hits was a

■ Ryan's Scheduled Start Is Scratched The Rangers' Nolan Ryan was scratched from Thursday's start in Oakland and returned home Tuesday to have his left hip examined, The Associated Press reported.

Baseball's all-time strikeout leader first ag-

time, and not only with their best start ever.

Darren Daulton hit a grand slam home run in

iano Duncan's grand slam beat the St. Louis

"It's nice to have somebody do it every game," Daulton said, smiling broadly at the thought. "It's

It was his fourth grand slam in the major

leagues. "I thought it was an out when I hit it," he

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Danny Jackson gave up a second-inning run, but blanked the Pirates the rest of the way as he

allowed four hits, struck out six and walked two in

Lenny Dykstra led off the seventh against Bob

Walk with a single. Mickey Morandini grounded to shortstop Jay Bell, who threw wild for his first error of the season, with Dykstra advancing to third and Morandini to second on the fielder's

said. "I didn't think I hit it that good."

The Philadelphia Phillies are having a grand Hollins hit into a force out.

the seventh inning Monday night as the Phillies streak as New York, playing beat the Pittsburgh Pirates, 5-1. On Sunday, Marthe third time in 14 games.

gravated the hip last Friday night in Kansas City, when he lasted just four innings and gave up eight runs, four earned, on seven hits and three walks. He struck out just one batter in his first start since returning from the disabled list with a right knee injury.

The 46-year-old right-hander pitched on the sidelines during batting practice Monday in Oakland and experienced inflammation in the left hip. He was to be examined Tuesday in Fort Worth by John Conway, the doctor who had performed arthroscopic surgery on his right knee April 16.

this season. He was on yhe disabled list from April 15 to May 6. The Rangers said a decision on whether

Ryan is 1-2 with a 4.50 ERA in three starts

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Phillies Have Grand Time Beating Pirates

choice-error. Daulton then homered after Dave

Mets 1, Marlins 0: Bret Saberhagen pitched a

three-hitter to end a personal three-game losing

The Mets, in gaining a split with Florida in the four-game series, were held to three hits by Ryan Bowen, but scored on Eddie Murray's one-out

Reds 6. Padres 5: Tom Browning won his third

Browning gave up 10 hits and two walks over six innings, but allowed San Diego just three runs.

The Padres stranded eight runners — six in scoring position — and hit into two inning-ending strikeout, Ca to right Left

straight as Barry Larkin and Kevin Mitchell each

The left-hander has given up 25 hits in his last three games, covering 19 innings, and has a 6.92 carned-run average. The Reds' offense has bailed

him out by scoring 27 runs during the three-game

Cubs 6, Dodgers 2: Greg Hibbard retired the first 15 batters and held visiting Los Angeles to three hits over eight innings while Dwight Smith homered and drove in three runs for Chicago.

sacrifice fly in the first inning.

drove in two runs in Cincinnati.

double plays against Browning.

winning streak.

streak as New York, playing at home, won for just

Midst Wars, Some Peace International Herald Tribune ONDON — When you have journeyed as close as the living get to hell and back, how do you settle nerves and stimulate the emotions to treat soccer uportant to man? Velps that this Wednesday's Euroral up final brings to Wern this night.

whom this night represents 113 years of striving. Royal Antwerp Football Club, the oldest in Belgium, opposes Italy's Parma AC, which is likewise in its first Furopean final.

Big stuff, but not big enough.
It further helps that Saturday brings monumental

events in different hemispheres. At Rob Wembley, again, we have the world's

Hughes A oldest competition, the English FA Cup final between Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday. That same day, Japan launches its J-League, which, with corporate backing that soccer never attracted in the United States, will blossom from

a child of the new spring into a major sporting adult. Most people in the game now acknowledge that Japan will be selected to play host to the World Cup 2002. The mammoth Asian populations might by then eclipse Africa's as the rising influence of world soccer.

Yet my taste buds are suppressed, my senses unable to forget, where I have just been. Ostensibly, my weekend in Beirut was another soccer assignment. But the 10 World Cup qualifying matches which the Lebanese capital is host to this week are more than sport between the nations of South Korea, Bahrain, India, Hong Kong and Lebanon.

The experience is more profound than any other in my 25 years involvement with soccer. The Lebanon is attempting to breath hope into a place which, before

Bosnia, was the most dehumanizing on earth.

The ruining of old Beint is self-destruction beyond imagination. Only heavily armed Lebanese soldiers and trees which grow wild occupy the charted remants of a once beautiful city after 17 years of civil and

I am told that even at the height of man's ultimate insanity, of brother killing brother and smashing to smitherines the environment in which each was raised. Christians and Muslims crossed their barriers to play

ODAY, SOCCER offers a token to the peace. It has no pretensions of being a substitute for war, only a symbol of hope and rebuilding.

Rahif Alamen, the Lebanese federation's general secretary, and Nabil El-Race a hospital surgeon who is the federation's president, plotted the comeback and persuaded FIFA to take this chance by sanctioning sport in a place where, six months, ago it would have been unthinkable.

In three months flat the federation's army of volun-Ryan returns to the disabled list will not be teers turned a derelict stadium into a spruce, 15,000-

single and ended Hibbard's shutout when he

Greg Maddux held the Astros to two hits for

seventh innings, but gave up a double to Eddie

Taubensee to start the eighth and was replaced by

After Jose Uribe's sacrifice and Craig Biggio's

strikeout, Casey Candaele, hitting .091, doubled to right. Jeff Bagwell was intentionally walked by

Howell and Mike Stanton walked Eric Anthony

Rockies 7. Giants 4: Dante Bichette hit a three-

run homer and pitcher Armando Reynoso - who

allowed 13 hits, struck out seven and walked two

also homered as Colorado ended a six-game

NL leader Matt Williams hit his 11th homer for

before Caminin's two-run double made it 4-2.

scored on Cory Snyder's pinch RBI double.

a two-run homer in the fifth.

tempered new fanaticism among spectators at Boi Hammoud stadium despite India, and then Hong Kong, holding the Lebanese to 2-2 draws. The loss of points hurt superficially; the suphoria comes with the

future beginning to replace the past.

Second, despite the oppressive militia, armed to the weballs, the headiness of a people celebrating the

Third, the personal kindness, the time, offered by Lebanese federation officials who were working every hour available to meet their deadline. "You are welcome," they said. "You come as a man of The Times in

our new time of peace."

So how does Wembley or Tokyo follow that? Well there is a link. Antwerp, though steeped in magin 1920. reached its first major European final through survival in the extreme.

Royal Antwerp actually won only two of eight Cue Winners' Cup matches, but won the penalty shoot outs, won on away goals, won on perseverance. Parms showed similar tenacity, yielding no goals in six dicight performances and scoring on breakaways.

DUT ABOVE their caution, these teams succeed by being clubs of the new world, by blending for eigners in amongst their nationals. Parma, fourth in Italy's first division despite crowds less than a quant of those attending on the Milan giants and Juventai uses the purse of the food chain Parmalat to import players of the caliber of Brazilian goalkeeper Claudi Taffarel, of Swedish forward Tomas Brolin, of Fan tino Asprilla, the swift and rangey if alarmingly accide dent-prone Colombian.

Add to those the toughness of an Italian-bas Belgian, Georges Grun, and the true class of defender Alberto Di Chiara and striker Alessandro Melli, and the conundrum becomes who to leave out to satisfy the three-foreigner rule and the competition for places.

Antwerp, on a budget low even by Belgian standards has its own league of nations, its own symbol of sport resisting the madness of neighbor slaying neighbor.

Two of the three goalkeepers employed by the club are Serbs, Stevan Stojanovic who won a Champions:
Cup medal with Red Star Belgrade in 1991, and Ratto
Svilar, who at 43 is the oldest player active in Belgium.
The Serbs co-exist in Antwerp with Dragan Jakovic-

vic, a Bosnian from Sarajevo who swoops to score vital goals from midfield. With Serbian resistance at one end, and a Bosnian strike force at the other, the Ant-

But there is more diversity in the "real" world.

But there is more diversity in the camp. When the manager, Walter Meeuws, selects his lineup, he looks at Kari Ukkonen, a Finn, at Hans-Peter Lehnhoff, a German, at Nourreddine Moulcinn, a Moroccan. All They serve two front-runners who are Belgian by birth, Francis Severeyns and Alexander Czernia

tynski. The latter, as his name and his unpredictable temperament suggest, is as full-bloodied a Belgian as most of the successful scorers in the Belgian league. His origins are Polish, with parents who sought work and supplied their adopted homeland with a scorer whose ability has done much to put Belgium or the road to the World Cup USA. Eric Karros broke up the no-hit bid with a As he knows, and as the Lebanese soccer officials double in the sixth. He also hit an eighth-inning

say, it is not a question of birthright, religion of politics. What counts is how he plays soccer.

Rob Hughes is on the stuff of The Times.

Smith's leadoff double, the first hit off Pedro ■ Rijkaard Tells Milan: 1 More Year Astacio, triggered a four-run fourth. Smith added Dutch midfielder Frank Rijkaard will play just one and more season for Italian champion AC Milan before ending his career in a more relaxed environment. Astros 5, Braves 2: Ken Caminiti's two-run double keyed a four-run eighth as Houston ended Atlanta's 14-game winning streak in the Astrodome. Reuters reported.

"We have reached an agreement on the extension of Rijkaard's contract. It will be for one more season," Milan's director, Adriano Galliani, told the Gazzetta dello Sport on Tuesday.

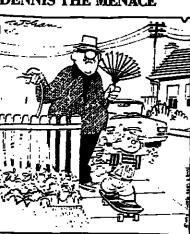
There will not be an option to extend it further. Next year will be the last, in line with Frank's stated

Rijkaard, 31 in September, said he wanted to leave the European Cup finalist before his abilities began to

He has won two European Cups and an Italian title

after joining Milan and Dutch compatriots Rund **** Gullit and Marco van Basten in 1988.

Van Basten recently signed a lucrative three-year contract extension while Gullit is set to sign to stay with the club for another season. Gullit, who has a history of knee trouble, has said he has yet to decide whether to continue playing beyond 1994.



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Jack-in-the-Box, and Pizza Hut have been replaced by more sensible eating. He has a ways to go before he looks like the sculpted Barkley of 10day, but 17 points, 14 rebounds and seven blocks can make anybody look beautiful. And what the Suns need more than any-

rookie.

"He's still going to carry the bags around here," Barkley said.

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Tests Clear Lewis To Play Next Season

BOSTON - Reggie Lewis got a second medical openion, and his pasketball career got a second life.
The Boston Cchics' star, who just a week ago was thought to have a potentially life-threatening beart aliment, walked out of a hospital Monday after doctors reached a

They concluded that Lewis has a neural condition that confuses the signals telling the heart whether to speed up or slow down. It's a condi-tion that can be treated with mediine, and Lewis said he expects to

oe playing next season.
"I'm just glad it's finally come to an end," he said, appearing relaxed

Dr. Gilbert Mudge, director of chinical cardiology at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, said Lewis "has a normal athlete's heart with normal function.

"I am optimistic that under med ical supervision, Mr. Reggie Lewis will be able to return to professional basketball without finitation." Lewis, 27, the Celtics' leading scorer and team captain, had modergood a series of tests since he collapsed during a playoff game April 29. He was first admitted to New England Baptist Hospital in Bos-ton, where the Celties had assembled a term of heart specialists.

Mudge said those doctors initialdiagnosed Lewis as having cardiomyopathy - a disease of the heart muscle that causes the heart

to beat less vigorously.
Lewis switched to Brigham and Women's Hospital, he explained Monday, "just to get a second

Mudge said his medical team conducted more tests and reviewed

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the data collected at New England Baptist. Some tests indicated there might be heart abnormalities, while her tests showed no problems.

"There is conflicting data that we've had to resolve," Mudge said.
After more analysis, Mudge said doctors concluded Lewis has neurocardiogenic syncope.

Mudge called it a "poorly understood" neural reflex in which the heart rate falls instead of increasing during peak exercise.

The nerves are perfectly normal. The heart is perfectly normal," said Mark Creager, one of the doc-tors who tested Lewis. "The nerves Just get confused."

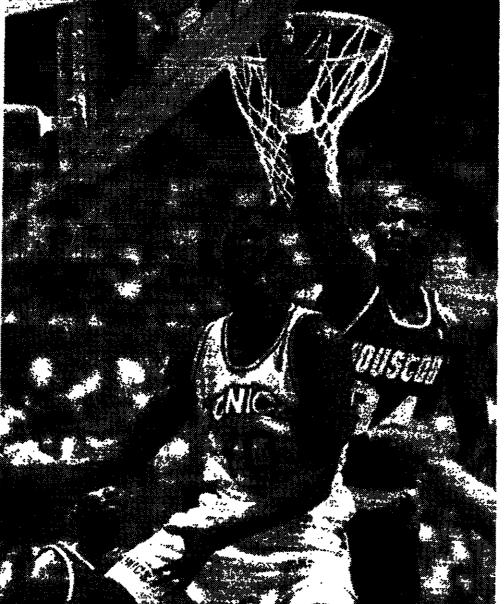
Doctors said Lewis had felt lightheaded at times during the past couple of months, but the condition is not life threatening.

Jim Rattray, a spokesman for New England Baptist, said it couldn't comment on the conclusions reached at Brigham and Women's.

Dr. Mark Josephson of Beth Israci Hospital, who was on the original team, said he hadn't seen the latest test results. But he still believed the on-court fainting spell resulted from a heart arrhythma. "I would still question whether

to attribute that episode to" neurocardiogenic syncope, Josephson said. The Brigham and Women's doctors said they confirmed their conclasion about neural condition by subjecting Lewis to "tilt tests," in which a device would quickly move hise from a borizontal to a vertical

Madge said he also presented his findings to three prominent cardits who weren't previously involved in Lewis' care, and they agreed with the diagnosis.



Sonics Stop Olajuwon, **Beat Rockets in Opener**

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SEATTLE - The most experienced of the Seattle SuperSonics, Ricky Pierce and Eddie Johnson, were at their best as the game grew

Pierce scored 19 of his 23 points in the second half and Johnson came off the bench to add 20 points, 11 in the fourth quarter, as the Sonics held the Houston Rockcts scoreless for the final 3 minutes, 40 seconds of a 99-90 victory in the first game of the best-of-seven em Conference semifinals.

Hakeem Olajuwon scored 26 points, grabbed 16 rebounds and had five blocks for Houston, but he was just 8 for 22 from the field and, playing 45 minutes, looked tired in the fourth quarter. "We wanted to jump on them in

the third quarter and I wanted to come out aggressively offensively, said Pierce, an 11-year veteran who had 13 points in the third quarter. "I know what I'm out there for." added Johnson, who was 9 for 16 from the field in just 23 minutes.

"When I feel it, I shoot it." Johnson, who just finished his 12th NBA season, was the difference as Seattle's bench outscored Houston's reserves, 29-12.

The Rockets made only four of 16 shots from the field in the fourth quarter - 1 for 4 by Olajuwon but still made a strong run after the Sonics took a 91-77 lead with 7:07

The Rockets had gotten back into the game with a 13-2 run capped by Otis Thorpe's tip-in and free throw with 3:40 left. But that was it for the Rockets as Gary Payton made two lay-ups and Dernick McKey added two free throws in the final 1:26. points and had 11 rebounds while Sam Perkins, the hero of the Game in the final 1:26. Houston's Kenny Smith was

called for a charging foul with 1:03 left and he also missed a 21-footer with 22 seconds to play. "Seattle's defense scrambles so

much and it makes it so difficult to open 3-pointer," said the Rockets'

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coach, Rudy Tomjanovich. "We had two wide open 3s and missed both. We make one and that changes the complexion of the Houston finished 3 for 13 on 3-

pointers with Vernon Maxwell, who had 18 points, 1 for 7 from that range.

The second game will be played Wednesday night in Seattle before the series moves to Houston for Games 3 and 4 on Saturday and

Seattle and Houston each won 55 regular-season games, but the Sonice have homeomit advantage in the series because they went 3against the Rockets this year. Tomjanovich said the Sonics esent a difficult defensive match-

up for Olajuwon. "Just look at the wingspan of those guys," Tomjanovich said of the group assigned to stop the Rockets' center. "It's tough to get it in to Hakeem."

Olajuwon was knocked to the floor 20 seconds into the second half when he was elbowed in the

5 first-round clinching victory over Utah on Saturday, added 11 points and nine rebounds. Perkins, who had to leave the

game with a strained neck after he was knocked down while taking a get it inside that you have to hit the charge by Maxwell with 42.3 secands left in the third quarter, returned to guard Olajuwon after Kemp picked up his fifth foul with 6:01 left. Michael Cage, another key defender on Olajuwon, fouled out with 2:20 gone in the fourth quarter. Perkins, who held an ice bag on

> his neck after the game, said that it's a little stiff but I should be

■ Weiss Is Fired by Hawks The Atlanta Hawks fired Bob

Weiss as their coach, and said it was time to hire someone who can take the team past the first round of the playoffs, The Associated Press reported.

Weiss got the Hawks into the playoffs this season with a 43-39 record, but they lost three straight to the Chicago Bulls in the first round. The Hawks have not made it past the first round of the playoffs since 1988.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution said Kentucky's coach, Rick Pitino, had been the first choice of the Hawks' general manager, Pete Babcock, to replace Weiss, but that Pitino had removed himself as a candidate.

"I like Pete a lot and I like Atlanhip by Pierce on a drive to the ta as a city," Pitino said. "But I basket. But he stayed in the game. don't have any interest in leaving.

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The Fat in the Fire: Much-Lighter Miller Takes Load Off Suns By Michael Wilbon Miller describes his role as "the wrong about me. A lot of coaches thought, No. 1, he shouldn't have

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time, a fat rookie with potential.

Washington Post Service PHOENIX — Charles Barkley stared across the room at Oliver Miller, the media-surrounded hero of the victory over the Los Angeles Lakers, with the look of a parent. All season, since Miller arrived from Arkansas as an overweight rookie. Barkley had worked him. Counseled him, begged him, teased him, cussed him. Barkley saw a fat kid with telent, lots of it. And that's what Barkley had been once upon a

sember, the sculpted man to can best Godzille was once the Round Mound of Rebound." "You're my idol," and Barkley would sooff.

J-League Announces Prize Monev

TOKYO (Reuters) — The winning club in both stages of Japan's new professional soccer league will earn 50 million yen (\$446,000), league

They said the J-League had decided that the prize money would be

awarded to the winners of the league competition, comprising two stages

to be contested by 10 clubs. The first stage begins Saturday and ends July 14, the second stage will be played between late July and mid-November.

The winners of each stage will compete for the first league champion-ship, which offers 10 million yen. If the same team wins both stages, it will

Piquet Fares Better in 2d Indy Crash

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Nelson Piquet's second crash against the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's concrete wall was a lot friendlier than his

The three-time Formula One champion, trying for his rookie start in

A year and three days earlier, he went in head-on and came out with

Lemen Lewis returned Tuesday to London from his unimpressive

WBC heavyweight title defense against Tony Tucker and he'd rather take a fight with Evander Holyfield "because it would earn me much more

respect throughout the world than if I was to fight" fellow Briton Frank

U.S. Cop '93 soccer matches because his Italian club, Lazio, has refused to release the midfielder, the English Football Association said. (AP)

U.S. athletes will receive \$15,000 for each Olympic gold medal they win under a new program announced by the U.S. Olympic Committee, which

said it will also pay significant amounts for top finishes or greatly

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Paul Gascoigne will not accompany England's team to next month's

severely mangled legs and feet. He did not drive a race car again until a

the Indianapolis 500 for the second straight year, struck the wall coming out of the second turn late in practice on Monday but was uninjured.

"I said, Tra your idol?" Barkley recounted. "I'm a conditioned, inshape idol. I don't want anybody looking like you idolizing me."

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"And yes, it's a struggle for him," Barkley said. "It's been a struggle for me and Mark West fighting with him all year, too. When you're in that situation, you think everybody's against you. One, they're paying you half-a-million dollars. Two, you ain't doing what you're supposed to be doing. Yeah, that Il turn some people against you."

Miller's weight ballooned to 335 pounds (152 kilograms), but the Phoenix Suns hung in. The turning point probably came some weeks ago, in Milier's mind, when the and stayed two weeks. He lost 30 vinced Miller that the Suns couldn't go far in the playoffs without bigtime contributions from him.

When the 6-foot, 10-inch (2.08meter) West is your only real lowpost player, a talented rookie like

But privately, having fought the the 6-9 Miller is no luxury. The battle of the bulge himself, Barkley Suns had already seen in Septem-Suns had already seen in September how well he could shoot and pass and how easily he learned the game and its complexities.

Finally, desperate to do something about his weight, Miller checked into a hospital in February to find out whether he had diabetes or an eating disorder. Three days in the hospital, away from his fast foods of choice, he lost 10 pounds. "I sat down and told myself, "It's time to do it. Help me out," he said. "The team was glad when I

came to them." Miller went back to the hospital

At 285, he's hardly svelte. But Miller said, "It was easy to listen to can he play. He's got the passing instincts of the Cleveland Cavaliers' superb center, Brad Daugherty, but minute-for-minute is a better rebounder.

garbage man ... I pick up the trash That's the kind of talk veterans

like to hear, but the truth is, under all that flab Oliver Miller is a namral. Against the Lakers, he was unstoppable, scoring 17 points, grab-bing 14 rebounds and blocking 7 shots. All against taller, veteran players. Shaquille O'Neal and Alonzo Mourning may not be the only centers in the Class of '93 after all So Barkley stared across the

room, happy that all his mentoring was beginning to pay off, but a little irritated it took so long. "Charles told me, 'Keep your

him because he'd been through it. He'd been where I was, I know I could have played as well as I did today if I hadn't" lost the 40 pounds.

A lot of people thought it was wrong to take Miller with the 22d pick of the first round of the NBA's college draft, as the Suns did. But with Barkley with him step by step. Miller found hope, although it didn't have to work out so well.

and scouts in the NBA bad-

mouthed me. They said I had no

heart, that I was a loser and I had

no pride. I'm going to prove a lot of

people wrong, watch."

The minor leagues of professional basketball and teams in Europe are loaded with talented young men who couldn't keep their weight down or their attitudes right or their personal lives straight. It seems that Miller had enough pride to get good and angry before his can't win an NBA title that way.

career suffered irreparably. "I'm just so proud of Oliver,"

"I want to show people they were Westphal said. "A lot of people

Courier and Becker Win in Rome, But Lendl Bogs Down on Clay Court Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches past the second round in 12 tourna- into the third round of the German

ROME — Jim Courier and Boris Becker tore up the clay Tuesday and advanced with ease in the Italian Open. But Ivan Lendl was ousted in his

first match by a Uruguayan ranked No. 67 in the world in one of Lendl's worst showings on clay in his career. Courier, the No. 2 seed and de-

fending Italian champion, over-whelmed Argentine qualifier Hora-cio De La Pena, 6-2, 6-1, in 75 The third-seeded Becker, a three-

time winner on the grass at Wimbledon but never at home on clay, used his big serve to help overcome Andrei Cherkasov, 6-4, 6-3. Lendl, the fifth seed and at 33 the oldest player in the tournament, was ousted by Marcelo Filip-

pini, 6-2, 6-1, in just over an hour. Lendl blamed his showing on the surface, which be described as "like a hard court with sand on top of it." The center court crowd at the Foro Italico, which at first had been on Lendl's side, whistled its disapproval as he dropped 11 points in a row in the second set. Filippini, 25, has failed to get

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first match point, serving up an ace. Lendl has won eight Grand Slams in his 15-year professional career, including three on clay at the French Open, which begins

He has had a mediocre season so far, but recently beat Michael Stich in straight sets in the final in Munich. The German came back a week later to beat Lendl in the quarterfinals in Hamburg. Neither Becker nor Courier had

any complaints about the surface. The American, in fact, said he found "a lot better footing than last VCar. In addition to Lendl, the tournament lost two other seeds Tuesday. Wayne Ferreira, No. 11, fell to Carl-Uwe Steeb, 6-3, 6-2, and Richard Krajicek, No. 9, lost to Guil-

lermo Perez-Roldan, 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, Advancing were No. 6 seed Michael Chang, who defeated Jordi Arrese, 6-2, 6-3, and Andrei Medvedey, No. 8, who came from behind to defeat Jonas Svensson, 0-6,

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• Top seed Steffi Graf cruised

ments this season. He won on his Open in Berlin with a 6-0, 6-2 defeat of Argentina's Florencia La-priority. Graf, 23, needed only 43 minutes

> ease on the court in spite of the obviously increased security. Tennis officials worldwide have increased the players' protection following the knife attack on Moni-

ca Seles, the top-ranked woman, during a break in play at the Citizen Cup in Hamburg on April 30. The man who has been charges with attempted murder told police he had attacked Seles to help his idol, Graf, regain the No. 1 rank-

Graf is under guard 24 hours a

day while in Berlin.
"I am familiar with this situation, although not to such an extent," she said Tuesday. Two seeded players made pre-

miko Date of Japan fell to Brenda Schultz of the Netherlands, 6-4, 6-2, in the first round while No. 12 Natalia Zvereva of Belarus was stopped, 7-5, 6-0, by Ann Grossman of the United States in the

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thing the next six weeks is for somebody with a big body to play Meanwhile, Barkley has news for Miller, who, here or not, is still a

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What's in a Naming?

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — The latest J. Edgar Hoover news is that Walt Disney, too, was in the late FBI director's pocket. Ronald Reagan we already knew about. Both

were name namers for Hoover. Name namers were people who named names, and yes, I know it doesn't make any sense, but that's

what they did - named names. didn't have to be there.

Once you were named, newspathat said. "Named." Let's say you unfashionable political views. were Swanson. The headline woul say, "Swanson Named." If Walt Disney were the namer, and headline space was sufficient, it might say, "Disney Names Swanson."

Disney, of course, never appeared in any real headlines as a namer. He operated under cover, naming names to designated secret

The named were the damned of the 1940s and 1950s. People who had been named were apt to be shadowed by gumshoes, fired from their jobs, browbeaten by politicians, slandered as dangerous con-spirators, indicted, humiliated — in short, made to regret the day they were named.

Sometimes potential namees could escape the worst results of a naming by agreeing to do some expiatory naming of their own for the politicians, or the police, or the bureaucrats who were threatening

In this early form of plea bargaining the potential namee appeared in a public form to announce that he d once been so despicable that he fully deserved to be named, and that to atone for his odious past he had decided to name all with whom he had shared that odium.

This often earned him absolution from the more severe punishments inflicted on namees, though some who took this way out haven't been permitted to forget that they once failed some ultimate test of

Naming had to do with fear of communism. People were desperate to know the identities of those said to be plotting the republic's overthrow, and in the resulting or-

to distinguish those who were actually doing the Devil's work from those who weren't.

For the political right, naturally eager to put the left in bad odor, the naming frenzy was a bonanza. The press's role was anything but hon-orable. It turned the word "named" into a shorthand headline synonym Well, you had to be there. On for "possibly treasonous" and, with second thought, you're lucky if you few exceptions, made little effort to distinguish between the named who committed criminal activity pers printed your name in headlines and the named who merely held

Walt Disney is said to have become a secret namer for Hoover around 1940, perhaps in reaction to Hollywood's vicious labor battles of that era in which Communists were often influential in unions while mobsters operated on behalf of the studios.

Ronald Reagan volunteered to name for Hoover after becoming alarmed by Communist influence in the Screen Actors Guild. Both Reagan and Disney doubtless be-lieved at the time that they were being good patriotic soldiers.

What seems right and good at one time, however, may look embarrassing and even shameful after 30 or 40 turns around the sun have disposed of old horrors. With Disney the shameful is tinged with the comical, for he apparently made a deal with Hoover, part of which gave Hoover the right to review some Disney creative material.

So Disney apparently was not only serving as a secret namer, he was also giving the police an opening to censor his work. Hoover, never shy about seizing an offered power, tested Disney by asking for a few small changes here and there. One request was for a change how about this, Mouseketeers! in an episode of "The Mickey Mouse Club."

Disney obliged. It's hard to say whether this shows what a terrifying figure Hoover was in his glory days or how craven an artist can become when he volunteers to become a secret tool for the police.

This sort of thing poisons a past that once seemed charming. Walt, you've spoiled it.

New York Times Service

Will the Real Philip Roth Please Stand Up

By David Streitfeld

TEW YORK - Poor Philip Roth. It's been nearly a quarter-century since "Portnoy's Complaint" created an indelible image of Roth as an obsessive masturbator who is fixated on Philip Roth and writes novels about the difficulties of being Philip Roth, occasionally surfacing on their publication to wax wroth about how these are really novels and not cryptoautobiographies, and shame on you for thinking otherwise. The denial has become part of the ritual, but all it's served to do is reinforce the image of Roth as living in a one-man universe.

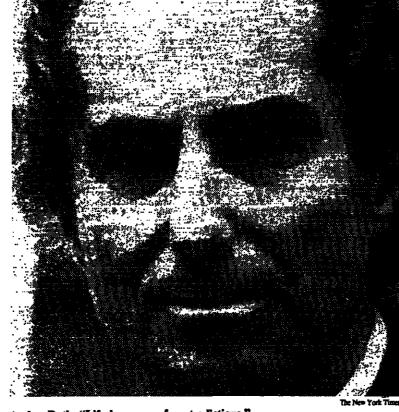
With "Operation Shylock," the writer has taken the inevitable next step: a book narrated by someone named Philip Roth. This time he's changing his tactics and denying it's a novel, an assertion that has caused the most noise around his name since "Portnoy" found a new use for liver.

Oddly, though, in the eight weeks since publication, the book has failed to make much of an impact in the place that really counts: bookstores. There are 124,000 copies in print, which should be more than enough to secure a slot on The New York Times' national best-seller list. That hasn't happened yet, and it probably won't. Even in Washington, where the book received a wildly enthusiastic review in The Washington Post, it spent a mere two weeks on the Post's list. Something's gone wrong.

The subtitle of "Shylock" announces that this is "A Confession." Everything between the covers is true, says Roth. That goes for his pursuit of a double who is calling himself Philip Roth and telling Israeli Jews they should all return to Europe to avoid a second, Arab-sponsored Holocaust. It includes Roth being hired by the Israeli intelligence service for a secret spy mission in Greece. Then there's the recovery group Anti-Semites Anonymous, the hitherto-unknown diaries of Leon Klinghoffer, and various episodes at the trial of maybe-Nazi maybe-not John Demjanjuk. And it presumably includes Roth's involvement with a woman named Jinx who spends two days and two nights hav-ing sex with a dead man, courtesy of his

penile implant. You don't believe? Especially when you're told all this happened in Israel, where reality operates under different

"When people tell me how preposterous this adventure was and how it could not be real," Roth says, "I just ask them to read about this guy trying to get his deposit-back on the truck he used to blow up the World Trade Center. So don't tell me



Author Roth: "Life is a mess of contradictions."

Unfortunately, critics and journalists have been saying it's preposterous anyway. Maybe it's a plot to kill the book, or drive Roth nuts. Or maybe they think he enjoys this sparring.

"I don't enjoy it," he says muldly. Assuming his novels are real "has become a iournalistic cliché. Journalists see only my ography and then say, Well, he sees only his biography.' It's quite wearying, and not fruitful."

At a conference room at his publisher, Simon and Schuster, Roth does interviews so grudgingly you take what you can get. This conversation, like the handful of others he will do for the book, has a 30-minute time limit. Maybe, the publicist says, it will go to 45 if he's having fun.

Roth doesn't waste any time. Quickly he makes the case that despite appearances "Shylock" is not really about Roth, that it has much larger ambitions. "Life is a mess of contradictions. Life is conflict. I believe that epigraph from Kierkegaard - The whole content of my being shrieks in con-tradiction against itself.' This is the Jews

against themselves. This is all the divisions in Jewish life I was privy to because of this thing" — because, that is, someone was impersonating him in Israel.

And he whispers: "I tell you, it hap-pened to me. This is a book about a witness, not about Philip Roth's vanity. I mean, good God. I am your guide through the Israeli hell."

It should be clear by now that Roth, 60, is operating on all cylinders. He's delightful, except when he's not. This guy has only two speeds: urbane/engaging and prickly/upset, and shifts between them with dizzying rapidity.

He can talk about how he doesn't introduce autobiographical material into his novels merely to provoke. But sometimes, it all seems like a canny publicity trick. Look at Newsweek. On March 8, it gave a one-column review to the novel, which it panned. Then Roth started asserting it was all true. So Newsweek on March 22 devoted two columns to whether he was a spy.

"It's true," Roth concedes, "that because of the explosive or inflammatory quality of

'Portnoy's Complaint' -as well as its strategy, the psychoanalytic monologue — it seems to invite for ordinary people who are not skilled readers the interpretation that this must be a confession. In those days I did barely any interviews, but when I heard the book discussed and I read about it, there it was. So I said, as anybody would,

We're not mistaken, he was told. We know it's you. This sex-crazed neurotic pervert - it's you!

Roth's preoccupation with self, many critics have been saying for some time, is getting in the way of the narrative. Many of the reviews of "Shylock" have been mixed to negative. And the public isn't buying. If there was a calculated strategy here, it hasn't worked.

Poor Roth. Several years ago, he had a quintuple bypass. At the same time, the writer left his longtime publisher, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, for a reported \$1.8 million, three-book deal with Simon and Schuster.

"Portnoy's Complaint" created a sensa-tion in 1969 and has sold millions of conies, a level Roth has never approached since. The subtext to the Simon and Schuster deal was that, nearing the end of his career, he wanted to be a sensation again.

"Operation Shylock" is the last book of the deal. At this point, it's clear that, regardless of whether Simon and Schuster was trying to buy prestige, Roth has cost the firm dearly.

Perhaps the writer's minimal sales are due to the decline of the novel or maybe, more narrowly, the decline in excitement over the Jewish novel. Or maybe it's Roth's fault, for doing so little of the personalized selling that is ubiquitous in publishing today. Even when he does make a public appearance to push his books, there's a truculent attitude.

Take his February reading at George Washington University. As soon as he was finished, he tried to flee. It was not a night of great warmth. He disagrees: "I enjoyed doing the evening very much. I think the

audience did too. By this point, the conversation is over. Roth has gone the distance — 50 minutes, maybe. He darts out the door, zooms down the hall. He's in his prickly mode, worrying that maybe this interview, maybe

all these interviews, are a mistake after all. "My job is to write." Roth says in a parting shot. "Things happen. I don't live in a cell, and I don't want to live in one. But my job is to write. All that matters is eresting or not my books are.

That's all." Actually, it's not quite all. He says one more thing. But it's off-the-record.

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9 Tony Nominations To 'Angels in America'

"Angels in America: Millen Approaches received nine Tony Awards nominations, including beat play, the most for any play since the Tonys began in 1947. Tony Kusimer, the author of "Angels" was nominated, as were five of the eight actors in the play's ensemble The musicals "Kiss of the Spider Woman" and "Tommy" each to ceived 11 Tony Award nominations Also in the best-musical category were Willy Russell's "Blood Brothers" and Ned Samon's "Goodbye Girl." The other nominees for bear play were Wendy Wasserstein's The Sisters Rosensweig," Frank McGuinness's "Someone Who! Watch Over Me," and Tug You. grau's "The Song of Jacob Zulu,"

Michael Jackson slipped into Monaco virtually unseen as a private guest of Prince Albert, but the reclusive superstar wasn't complaining. "Michael just wants to see everything like a normal tourist." said Gary Pudney, producer of the Monte Carlo Music Awards ceremony that Jackson is to attend on Wednesday, Normal tourist? Well he can always try.

After being blacklisted during the McCarthy era, the screenwriter Datton Trumbo has finally been rehabilitated. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences presented his wife with a posthumous Acade. my Award for the movie "Roman Holiday," 40 years after its release Trumbo died in 1976.

As the San Francisco trial began in his \$10 million libel lawsuit against The New Yorker magazine, psychoanalyst Jeffrey Masson was described by his lawyer as a feminist hero and by an opposing lawyer as a casual seducer and chronic whiner.

Masson himself, testifying in U.S.

District Court, said that his interest in psychoanalysis was born when he turned to therapy as a young man because he regarded his "promiscuity as an illness" that he wanted to cure. He accuses Jamet Malcolm of fabricating quotes in a 1983 New Yorker article.

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Forecast for Thursday through Saturday

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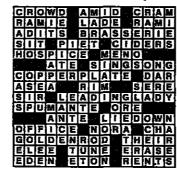
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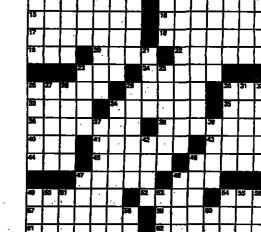
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BEST SELLERS

LA MARAVILLA

By Alfredo Vea Jr. 305 pages. \$21. Dution.

Reviewed by Sam Harrison

O NE of the products of the cen-turies-old great collision between the Catholic Spain of the conquistadores and the existing Native American cultures has been a literature resonating with the crazy harmonics of that union while screaming its discord. While perhaps not rising to the level of the best magical realists, "La Maravilla," a first novel by Alfredo Vea Jr_ explores this confrontation in a sensual, colorful, thoroughly modern setting, and along the way creates its own harmony and discord.

Abandoned by his mother for a

succession of cheap motels and cheaper men, a boy named Beto lives with his grandparents in an adobe house on Buckeye Road, a state of mind as much as a place, in the desert outside Phoenix, Arizona. Flat, dusty Buckeye and its peonle, temperature and textures are one of the book's great strengths.

Beto's grandmother, Josephina, is an Andalusian Spaniard with a gift for healing and dreaming the future, the guardian of a long tradition of the magic arts, but a Catholic through and through. Her hus-band, Manuel, who romantically liberated her from a Denver movie house when she was a girl, is a Yaqui Indian whose spirit takes soaring trips over the desert with a little help from his old pals and a few peyote buds.

Down the road is Cady, a com-

illacs up on blocks; the Rainbo Market, run by a Chinese family: and a converted school bus housing five college boys turned transvestites. This, plus a lively and likable collection of Chicanos, Indians and Okies; violence, religion and celebration; and the remarkable Vernetta, a sad prostitute with legendary cleavage, make up the elements

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struggle for his own identity amid the poverty and passion of Buck-eye, and the conflicting world views of his grandparents. "La Maravilla" tries for much more. Using the old collision of Spanish and Native American cultures as the underpinning of the narrative, Alfredo Vea at times seems to be a bit too conscious of his sociological, anthropological, historical platmunity of folks living in dead Cad- form, and forgets to let his marvel-

ous characters tell their story. There are a number of narrative asides that provide fascinating cultural information, yet also sound preachy and out of context. At one point. for instance, there is an accurate, interesting, but distracting treatise on the relative merits of the English, Spanish and Yaqui langes, expounded not by one of the characters, but by a vague, nar-Essentially the story of Beto's rative presence. When the characters are brought in to provide historical and cultural reference, they often sound just too incredibly

well-informed, erudite and glib. Another member of the currently popular club of lawyers-turned-novelists. Vea writes a prose that is intricate, controlled and frequently quite beautiful, but it tends to lose power and soutter in the structure he has chosen. One of the elements he tries to work into the narrative is

time exist simultaneously rather than in a past-to-present-to-future

The book is constructed to use this concept, with a good bit of random jumping from present to past to future, which serves to provide background on the characters and not a little history as well, but ultimately is frustrating. It frequently takes too long to know which character's head we are in with all

frustrating, always rich and extravagant. "La Maravilla" almost does

Sam Harrison, the author of two ovels, "Walls of Blue Coquina"

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